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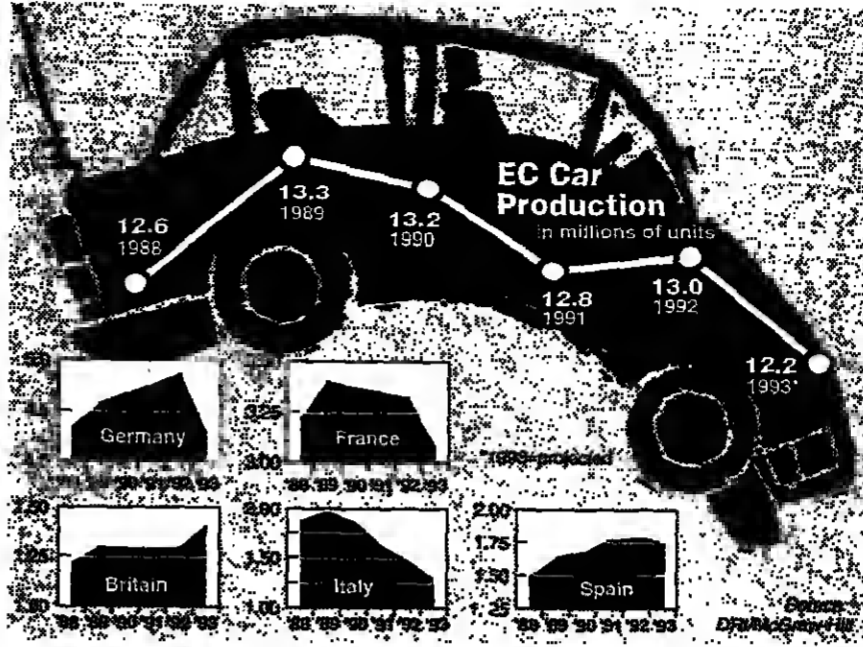
European Automakers Brake a Slide

Drastic Steps Ahead: 'It's Now or Never'

By Tom Redburn International Herald Tribune PARIS With recession deepening across the Continent and consumers retrenching...

bitterly resisted, was giving Europe's car companies the best opportunity they were likely to have...

tough to get the approvals they never would have been able to extract otherwise. In the first two months of 1993, auto sales in Europe fell more than 20 percent from the same period a year earlier...



EC Summons U.S. to Clarify Its Position in Trade Feud

Washington Approach, 'Good Cop, Bad Cop,' Is Decried by Brussels

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribune BRUSSELS — Setting out the European agenda for a series of crucial negotiations...

China Issues A Threat of Power Play in Hong Kong

By Sheryl WuDunn New York Times Service BEIJING — China threatened Wednesday to set up a second power center in Hong Kong...



NEW LEAVES — Officers of the Irish Guards, before the distribution of shawrocks by the queen mother at Wednesday's Saint Patrick's Day parade in Pibrbright, England.

U.S. Tries 'Backdoor' Talks to Ease North Korea Crisis

By T.R. Reid Washington Post Service SEOUL — Diplomats from the United States and North Korea began "back channel" diplomatic talks in Beijing on Wednesday...

Helen Hayes, 92, U.S. Theater Doyenne, Dies

By Bart Barnes Washington Post Service Helen Hayes, 92, the legendary first lady of American theater, whose grace, charm and class...



Miss Hayes "never chose to be an actress."

Clinton Is Up, Kohl Down Germans Crave Youthful Decisiveness

By Craig R. Whitney New York Times Service BONN — For most of Western Europe, 1993 — the year the EC was finally supposed to come into its own as the world's largest free-trade market — has started off badly...

Kiosk Blast at Khamenei's Home Reported

PARIS (AP) — Iranian dissidents said that about 20 people were killed Wednesday in a powerful explosion at the Tehran residence of the Iranian spiritual leader, Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei.

U.S. Can Expel Radical Cleric

NEWARK, New Jersey (Combined Dispatches) — An extremist Muslim cleric who preaches at a mosque where two suspects in the World Trade Center bombing had worshiped...

Arguably her most brilliant performance was that of Queen Victoria in the Gilbert Miller production of Laurence Housman's "Victoria Regina," which ran for 123 weeks on Broadway...

PARIS — Breaking a military tradition that began early this century, France's 3 million racing pigeons are about to become civilians.

one of France's most popular, although lesser-known, sports. Most of the nearly 30,000 pigeons in France live in the area around Paris or in the Nord/Pas-de-Calais region...

near Paris of the exiled former president, Abol-Hassan Banisadr, said that as many as 20 people died and that the blast occurred between 2 P.M. and 3 P.M.

Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman went before the judge at a January hearing requested by the Immigration and Naturalization Service...

Financial and market data including Dow Jones, Trib Index, The Dollar, and various advertisements for real estate and services.



FIRST 100 DAYS / BUDGET BATTLES

POLITICAL NOTES

Defense Secretary to Receive a Pacemaker

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Les Aspin will have a pacemaker implanted on Thursday to correct a heart problem that has led to shortness of breath, his doctors said.

Tea Party Anniversary of Sorts for First Lady

WASHINGTON — Maybe it was just coincidence. Maybe it was some strange urging of the subconscious. But whatever the cause, Hillary Rodham Clinton gave a tea.

For those who lack a memory for campaign trivia, Tuesday marked the precise one-year anniversary of an infamous remark about tea and cookies that nearly sank Mrs. Clinton as a campaigner and led to weeks of anxiety within her husband's campaign about her role.

Perot Launches National 'Ballot' on Reform

DALLAS — Ross Perot and his United We Stand America group began a "referendum" for government reform Wednesday that citizen response to questions like abolishing the Electoral College and eliminating foreign lobbyists.

The Perot headquarters here said that Mr. Perot has bought 30 minutes on NBC television Sunday to announce his program, called "The First National Referendum — Government Reform."

Victory for House Republicans on Panel Cuts

WASHINGTON — House Republicans scored their first victory of the year in a campaign to cut congressional staffs and spending when the speaker, Thomas S. Foley, conceded that the four select committees with no authority to propose bills would be abolished.

All four committees — on Aging, Children, Youth and Families; Hunger, and Narcotics Abuse and Control — have been imperiled since Jan. 26, when the House voted, 237 to 180, to kill the politically popular narcotics panel.

Since then, House leaders and the chairman of the committees have sought to find ways of keeping all four going, at least until the early fall, when the Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress makes recommendations on committee structure and other changes intended to make Congress more efficient.

But many new members had promised voters to shake up Congress, and House leaders have found minimal support among Democrats for keeping any of the select committees.

"There seems to be no real purpose in bringing this issue to the floor," Mr. Foley, a Washington Democrat, said Tuesday. Counts of how members said they would vote have been "very negative," he added.

The elimination of the four committees will save taxpayers about \$2.7 million in the rest of 1993, congressional officials said. At the end of January, they had about 85 employees.

Quote / Unquote

The actor Paul Newman, asked about a recent private dinner with President Clinton: "He brings the fine art of listening back into fashion."

Away From Politics

As many as 30 members of the Branch Davitian cult may come out of their compound in Waco, Texas, if they are satisfied with the FBI's treatment of Kathy Schroeder and Oliver Gyarfas, two members who left last week.

Two Russian immigrants have pleaded guilty in Los Angeles to a \$1 billion medical insurance fraud. Michael Smushkevich and Bogich Jovovitch, who ran a string of diagnostic clinics, face up to 100 years in prison.

The first defense witness in the trial of the four Los Angeles police officers accused of beating Rodney G. King said Mr. King laughed and made a joke as he lay beaten on the ground.

Chicago workers have found a 16th victim in the charred rubble of a hotel for transients. The city's fire chief said about 14 of the 130 people registered at the Paxton Hotel when the fire broke out were still unaccounted for.

About 100 New York homosexuals, protesting their exclusion from the St. Patrick's Day Parade, were arrested as they staged a sit-in at New York City.

HAYES: Doyenne of the American Theater and Screen Is Dead at 92

(Continued from page 1) in pictures, and I have a beautiful dream that I'm elegant on stage," she once said. From the 1920s until she retired from the live theater in 1971 there were few seasons when Helen Hayes was not playing on Broadway or touring the country with her latest hit.

She was short, and she lacked the glamour and sexiness of many of the Hollywood stars of her era. Even at the pinnacle of her career she was self-effacing and down to earth, and she was self-describing herself as "just an ordinary liked to describe herself as 'just an ordinary person.'"

"I never chose to be an actress," Miss Hayes recalled more than 80 years later in an autobiography, "My Life in Three Acts." "That choice was made for me in childhood."

"With no chance to wonder if I had talent or if I would succeed, I became a professional actress, and remained one all my life. God knows I have few regrets. I loved working in the theater."

She began her stage career at the age of 5 as Prince Charles in "The Royal Family" at the National Theatre in her hometown. She ended it in Washington 67 years later at Catholic University's Hartke Theatre, where her final performance was the arduous and demanding



Mayor Raymond L. Flynn of Boston holding news conference at his neighborhood church to announce his resignation to become ambassador to the Vatican at President Clinton's request.

Boston Mayor to Be Envoy to Vatican

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton has selected Raymond L. Flynn, the longtime Democratic mayor of Boston and a Roman Catholic, to become the U.S. ambassador to the Vatican.

Mr. Clinton also announced the nomination of Jean Kennedy Smith, a sister of Senator Edward M. Kennedy and of the late President John F. Kennedy, as the next ambassador to Ireland. She is a New York socialite active in the arts and the mother of William Kennedy Smith, who was acquitted of rape in Florida in 1991.

Mr. Clinton also selected Joseph D. Duffey, president of American University and an old friend, to head the United States Information Agency, officials said.

Mr. Flynn, was head of the National Conference of Mayors in 1992 and was a coordinator of Mr. Clinton's presidential campaign. No date has been set for Mr. Duffey's appointment. But it was expected that when Mr. Duffey, long active in the Democratic Party, is named, it will be coupled with an announcement that his deputy will be Penn Kemble, a conservative Democrat, the officials said.

The selections of Mr. Duffey, who held top educational and cultural posts in the Carter administration, and of Mr. Kemble, who is counted in the conservative camp, appeared to create an ideological balance at a critical moment.

Advocates of the agency have endorsed a proposal by Mr. Clinton to consolidate all government-sponsored international broadcasting operations.

(AP, NYT, Reuters)

Salvador Cover-Up By Reagan Team?

Congressman Vows Detailed Inquiry

By John M. Goshko Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — The chairman of a House subcommittee has charged that the Reagan administration lied to Congress for years about the El Salvador armed forces' complicity in murder, and he said "every word uttered by every Reagan administration official" about the observance of human rights in El Salvador should be reviewed for perjury.

The remarks by Robert G. Torricelli, Democrat of New Jersey and chairman of the subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs, marked the latest turn in a renewed controversy about whether the Reagan administration covered up abuses by the Salvadoran military to gain congressional approval of \$6 billion in aid during the 1980s.

The question has arisen again following the release Monday of a report by a United Nations-sponsored commission that investigated rights abuses in El Salvador's 12-year civil war.

"This Congress 10 years ago established a process whereby President Reagan would certify that improvements were being made in human rights in order to continue military aid to El Salvador," Mr. Torricelli said Tuesday. "It now is abundantly clear that Ronald Reagan made those certifications in defiance of the truth."

If government officials "testified they had no knowledge of killing when they did, they better not have said it under oath," he said. "This committee will review every word uttered by every Reagan administration official."

"I, for one, will not be content until we know the whole truth about our own attempt to cover up these abuses from the Congress and the American people," he said.

Mr. Torricelli made his charges as the subcommittee heard testimony from the three UN commission members: Thomas Burgenthal, a law professor at George Washington University; Belisario Betancur Cuartas, a former president of Colombia; and Reynaldo Figueredo, a member of the Venezuelan congress. They told the subcommittee that their investigation showed that U.S. officials in El Salvador were in

positions where they should have known about rights abuses. "I would say that a number of acts were known or should have been known to U.S. officials in El Salvador," Mr. Burgenthal said. "In some cases, there is a sense that they didn't want to know."

That was true, the commission members said, of the 1981 El Mozote massacre in which hundreds of civilians were killed by army units. The U.S. Embassy maintained for years that it had no evidence of such a massacre and sought to cast doubt on the accuracy of reports by U.S. journalists who went to the area and interviewed witnesses.

Nevertheless, the commissioners told the subcommittee, their investigation uncovered the fact that at least one embassy official had credible evidence of the killings.

"My own impression is that certain officials in the embassy were not interested in receiving that information," Mr. Burgenthal said. "Dissident author: highly controversial incident — the 1980 killing of four American Catholic women missionaries by Salvadoran National Guard soldiers — the commissioners characterized as 'totally outrageous' and without any foundation a 1981 assertion by then-Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. that the churchwomen might have been killed when they attempted to run through a military road block."

Amnesty Measure El Salvador's ruling party moved rapidly Tuesday to pass an amnesty for all those named by the UN-sponsored investigation of civil war crimes. The Washington Post reported from San Salvador. It also called behind Roberto A'dubuisson, the late founder of the party, who was formally named in the report as a leader of rightist death squads.

The governing Nationalist Republican Alliance, at the request of President Alfredo Cristiani, is scheduled to introduce the amnesty measure at Thursday's meeting of the National Assembly. The Alliance, with its allies in smaller parties, has the necessary 43 votes in the 84-seat assembly to pass the measure, which was foreseen as an eventual result of the peace accords.

Despite Signs of House Mutiny, Foley Hopeful on Clinton Plan

WASHINGTON — The House speaker, Thomas S. Foley of Washington, predicted that President Bill Clinton's economic plan would be approved intact as conservatives pressed their efforts Wednesday to trim the administration's job-creation package.

"There is a substantial majority within the caucus to enact the package," said Mr. Foley, a Democrat, referring to the Democratic caucus.

He spoke as the House began debating the outlines of a Democratic-written \$510 billion budget-cutting plan and prepared to consider a separate \$16.2 billion job-creation bill. Votes on final passage of both measures were scheduled for Thursday.

The Senate was also expected to begin debate on a similar half-trillion-dollar deficit-reduction outline. Representative Charles Stenholm, Democrat of Texas, who is leading a conservative effort to reduce the \$16.2 billion spending measure, said he was not giving up his effort. He and Mr. Foley met privately late Tuesday, but neither said an agreement had been reached.

"Since when is a good fight among Democrats damaging to the legislative process?" Mr. Stenholm asked.

Some Democratic senators also insist that the package will have to be altered to gain acceptance. Although the package, including funding for summer jobs and unemployment insurance, is a small part of Mr. Clinton's overall budget and economic strategy, the White House and congressional leaders have made passage of the program in its entirety a test of party loyalty.

Most Democrats are eager to give the new president what he wants. Yet, party conservatives, including Mr. Stenholm and Senators David L. Boren of Oklahoma and John Breaux of Louisiana, are gaining support for their efforts either to scale back or put off much of the spending.

According to Mr. Breaux, about 15 of the Senate's 57 Democrats are reluctant to support the job-creation package without a chance to put in place the deficit-

reduction measures favored by Mr. Clinton. That process will take months to complete, and the administration wants to have the jobs package approved before Easter recess.

In another budget-related development, Mr. Clinton suggested Tuesday that he might have to reconsider his deep cuts in defense if the situation in Russia does not improve. A White House spokesman dismissed the statement as a pro-forma acknowledgment that military spending must be tied to the reality of threats in the world, but Republicans who spoke privately to Mr. Clinton said his comments had gone beyond that.

The president's jobs package, which is meant to stimulate the economy, would provide about \$4 billion for unemployment benefits, \$3.4 billion for education, \$1.5 billion for other social programs, \$2.5 billion for community development block grants, \$700 million for summer jobs for youth and \$60 million for a variety of government-funded jobs.

On Tuesday, Mr. Stenholm asked the House Rules Committee to allow a vote on an amendment that would force Congress and the administration either to shelve about \$10 billion of the spending or offset its cost by reducing spending in other areas.

Mr. Foley, who was caught by surprise by Mr. Stenholm's amendment, must decide whether to block consideration of the amendment when the plan reaches the floor on Thursday — thereby promoting an outcry from conservative Democrats and Republicans — or to allow a vote and risk having the amendment adopted.

The administration and congressional leaders have described the package as an "insurance policy" against a relapse for the economy, but Republican congressional leaders dismissed much of it as "wasteful spending" in a letter Tuesday to Mr. Clinton.

"It is a grab bag for groups ranging from big-city mayors and the District of Columbia to government and academic researchers," the House Republican Policy Committee said in a statement. (AP, WP)

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How Best to Help Russia?

Suddenly the question is no longer whether to help Russia but how to do it most effectively. Meeting in Hong Kong during the weekend, the governments of the world's seven richest democracies agreed to get moving. The long period of indecision and minimal assistance seems to have been ended by two things: the tremendous struggle under way in Moscow and the arrival of a new president in Washington.

Tougher Stance on Trade

During the presidential campaign, Bill Clinton talked tough, vowing to hammer out bold protections for the environment and U.S. workers before he would approve the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada. At the time, his demands sounded like potential deal-breakers. Now he is facing up to the difficulty that his campaign rhetoric poses for completing negotiations on the trade pact.

A Welcome USAir Deal

As a result of a change in the administration's position, an important international airline partnership will be created in May — and travelers around the world should welcome it. A \$300 million investment by British Airways in USAir, which had failed to win approval by the Bush administration, has been approved by President Bill Clinton.

Other Comment

A Japanese Hand for Russia This does not mean that we have to withdraw the principle of inseparability of politics and economics in our relations with the Russians. We should be ready, aside from that principle, to extend the necessary aid within the framework of cooperation with the other members of the Group of Seven major industrialized countries. What seems to be lacking among the Americans and Europeans is a long-term view: that reform in Russia cannot be achieved during Boris Yeltsin's stint as president alone.

OPINION Ex-Yugoslavia: Aspin Paints U.S. Role on a Small Canvas

By Jim Hoagland

WASHINGTON — After weeks of inconclusive discussion at the highest levels of the Clinton administration about using American troops to police a peace agreement in Bosnia, Defense Secretary Les Aspin has thrown his weight behind a future combat role for U.S. forces in ex-Yugoslavia.

What Has Become of Our Dream?

By Dominique Moïsi

PARIS — Do Central and East Europeans still dream of entering the European Community? Democratic forces in these countries struggled against communism for years with one goal in mind: to return to Europe. Democratic, peaceful and prosperous Western Europe constituted the ultimate standard, the light at the end of the tunnel, the goal, the dream.

has not reached agreement on whether the troops would be deployed as "peacekeepers" or "peacemakers." American officials indicated Tuesday in response to questions about Secretary Aspin's remarks Sunday. As peacekeepers, American troops would passively implement a self-policing agreement, much as the United Nations' blue helmets have monitored cease-fires in Cyprus and Sinai. As peacemakers, they would be charged with enforcing the agreement, using force where necessary to make sure it is obeyed and to punish violations.

increasingly stressed is a political culture built around democracy and peace. But West European governments seem too often to mock their democratic institutions, and Western Europe has proven unable to impose peace within Europe. Democracy is not threatened in its principles nor contested in its legitimacy, but it is too seriously hampered in its functioning today to constitute a model for others.

Suharto at 71: Is It Too Soon to Predict Change for Indonesia?

By Philip Bowling

JAKARTA — Political stability or atrophy? That is the question confronting Indonesia as President Suharto begins his sixth five-year term as leader of what is now — following the breakup of the Soviet Union — the world's fourth-most-populous nation. Does Mr. Suharto, who is 71, aim to use the coming five years to organize his own succession? Or will he see himself as the indispensable embodiment of national stability, like a Javanese king to be parted from position only by death?

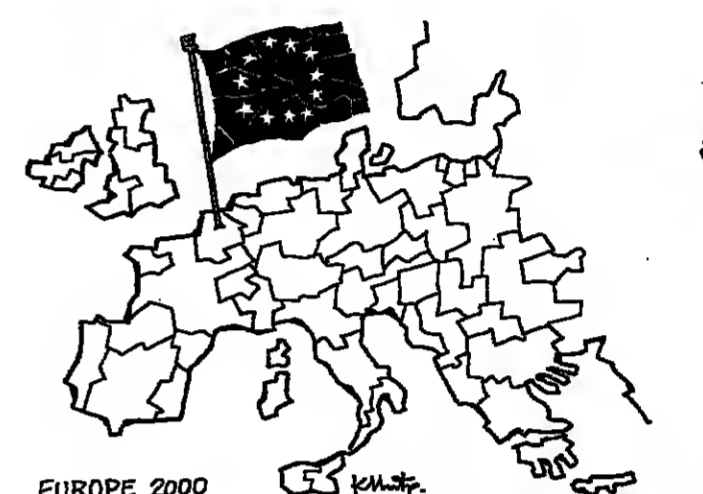
Recently it has worried that Mr. Suharto's flirtation with Muslim political forces, itself a reaction to the army's implied criticism of the president, could be divisive. It is concerned that failure by Mr. Suharto to prepare his own succession could be a threat to national stability. But the army remains torn between its heart — its innate loyalty to Mr. Suharto — and its head. It senses that more participation is needed, but is uncertain whether to try to play a balancing role in the limited party politics allowed, or to push its influence in civilian politics through the governing party, Golkar.

My Assistant, Japan's Future Empress

By Andrew Gordon

DURHAM, North Carolina — This week, in preparation for her June marriage to Crown Prince Naruhiko of Japan, Masako Owada begins classes at one of the world's most exclusive finishing schools. During a six-week course in "princess studies" supervised by the Imperial Household Agency, Miss Owada will be tutored in waka poetry and a few other subjects we neglected to teach her at Harvard.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

- 1893: Bombing in Rome — While the Romans were resting at six o'clock this morning (March 17) a bomb was exploded at the Palazzo Antico Mattei where Mr. William Potter, the United States Minister, lives. A stone staircase was wrecked, all the windows were broken and many statues and ancient bas-reliefs suffered. Minister Potter was in bed and suffered a great fright. The outrage was not directed against the minister. It is surmised that personal vengeance was the motive or that it was committed by anarchists.
1918: Lenin's Retreat — Peace with the Petrograd was being ratified by a large majority, Lenin said: "We must know not only to attack, but also to retreat, if the masses of the Russian revolution demand it. Those favoring the revolutionary war now want the Soviet powers to fall into a trap. We are too weak to establish complete social-
1943: Farmers Deferred — [From our New York edition.] The Senate, by a vote of 50 to 24, passed today (March 17) the controversial Bankhead Bill to defer farm workers from the draft to avert a threatened food shortage. With the votes of 27 Republicans, 22 Democrats and one Progressive, the farm bloc won a resounding victory over the combined opposition of the administration and the War and Navy departments which saw in the measure a threat to plans to place 11,000,000 men in the armed forces by the end of 1943. Senators voted for the bill on the ground that President Roosevelt had the power to exempt farm workers but was permitting the nation to drift toward a food crisis.


By KOSTAS in Thessaloniki, GREECE. Identity and reverting to neo-Ottoman dreams with the Turkish parts of the former Soviet empire, its courting of the Community, which has snubbed it for so long, has become pro forma.

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OPINION

Contraception for Teens: Rebecca Makes the Case

By George F. Will

BALTIMORE — Begin here. In 1990, nearly 10 percent of girls in Baltimore aged 15 to 17, almost all unmarried, gave birth. That is why in 1993 the city is embarking on a program to make Norplant, a long-term (five-year) contraceptive implant, available to teenage girls at school clinics and elsewhere.

More teenagers are having sex more often and at an earlier age; much of the increase has been among middle-class teens, most of them white.

paint thinner, as well as using PCP and alcohol) that got her sent to a residential treatment center. There she heard about Norplant from a public-health official.

Rebecca (not her real name), has been sexually active for two years. She is told that the implant will not protect her until after her next period, which is two weeks away, and she is asked if she needs a supply of condoms for the interval. Oh, yes, she says emphatically. She is 13.

Now, consider some numbers provided by Douglas Besharov and Karen Gardiner in The American Enterprise Journal. This year, 10 million American teenagers will engage in 126 million acts of sexual intercourse, resulting in about 1 million pregnancies, 406,000 abortions, 134,000 miscarriages and 490,000 births, about 64 percent (313,000) to unmarried mothers. In 1988, 11,000 American babies were born to mothers under 15. In 1990, 32 percent of ninth-grade girls (14- and 15-year-olds) had sexual intercourse. Seventeen percent of 12th-grade girls (17- and 18-year-olds) have had four or more partners.

Such numbers suggest that any message communicated by a Norplant program will not have a measurable effect

on the mores of an age in which more teenagers are having sex more often and at an earlier age, and much of the increase has been among middle-class teenagers, most of them white. Rebecca, by the way, is white.

The question is how to limit the social costs of all this, given the fact that, in Mr. Besharov and Ms. Gardiner's words, "adolescents who cannot remember to hang up their bath towels may be just as unlikely to use contraceptives."

Times have changed? Yes, but let's be clear about how. Forty years ago, teenage pregnancy rates were higher than today. However, most pregnancies occurred in, or were promptly followed by, marriage.

Norplant has been embroiled elsewhere in controversial welfare and criminal-justice policies raising questions of morally or legally dubious coercion. There have been proposals for monetary incentives or sanctions for unmarried welfare mothers to agree to implants. Judges have proposed implants in lieu of prison for women convicted of drug or child abuse.

What is more dangerous to the flourishing of black America, Norplant for teenagers or a growing number of black adolescents headed for a life in poverty because they were born into poverty to a single mother whose life chances were blighted by a pregnancy at age 15?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pyongyang's Nuclear Role

North Korea's abrupt decision to renege on the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty sounds ominous. Kim Il Sung appears to be more dangerous than Saddam Hussein in barring the International Atomic Energy Agency from inspecting suspected undeclared nuclear sites.

Mr. Kim has made a political miscalculation if he has been motivated to help his son, Kim Jung Il, by mobilizing public support through increasing internal tension. Both father and son are on the wrong track of history. Their actions run counter to universal aspirations for a humanity free from nuclear threats.

YANG DONG-CHIL, South Korean ambassador to Senegal, Dakar.

Speak Up for Health Care

The Clinton administration is working on a proposal to Congress for the first comprehensive national health care program in U.S. history. Past health policies have excluded Americans living overseas. Do not allow that to happen this time. Make your voices heard. Express your views by writing to:

Hillary Rodham Clinton, Presidential Committee on Health Reform, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C. 20500. Representative Thomas F. Foley, Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515. Senator George J. Mitchell, Senate Majority Leader, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Do not forget to send copies to your state representatives.

PAUL J. ROSE, Schopp, Germany.

Secular, Not Atheistic

The map accompanying your article, "Balkan States Choose Sides. Trying to Contain the Crisis" (Feb. 27) refers to Albania as "officially atheist." Official state atheism was a legacy of Enver Hoxha, the former dictator, that survived his death in 1985. But the Law on the Main Constitutional Provisions, which has served as an interim constitution since May 1991, declares Albania to be a "secular state" and establishes "respect for freedom of religious faith" and the exercise thereof.

DONN RUBIN, Tirana, Albania.

Rushdie Litmus Test

If it happens that some addled, obsessive, "I'm-gonna-murder-my-way-into-heaven-AND-be-a-millionaire" assassin finds Salman Rushdie, that author may take some comfort in knowing that he is not being sacrificed at the altar of any angry god but simply being murdered by a brutish assembly of selfish, demented hoods who seem to become unhinged at the sound of a harmless laugh.

If you ask anyone, "Do you think Salman Rushdie should die for his novel?" and detect even a fraction of fudge in their reply, anything like, "Well, you know, it was naughty of him to have done it" or "Well, after all, he is arrogant," or "Well, you and I may be tolerant but some people hold these things to

be . . . " and so forth, if anyone dares to give you anything less than a fearless and forthright, outraged, indignant, almighty and all-nighteous "NO!" — then believe me, mate, rest assured, you are talking to a loon.

BILL KILPATRICK, Sarteano, Italy.

The Promise of Life

Regarding the series "Third World, Second Class" (Feb. 15-19): Our daughter, Caitlin, was born in the back seat of our Volkswagen 10 minutes short of the hospital. As her second birthday approaches in her and around her we see the promise and hope of life renewed and life renewable.

It was with a rare and deep sorrow that we read of the murder of little girls in cultures driven, for whatever reasons, to horrible desperation. I wish we could bring all these children here through some gentle magic to sleep in the glow we see nightly around Caitlin's bed.

BRAD WRIGHT, St-Nom-la-Breilche, France.

A Gay Brigade

African-Americans and Japanese-Americans have proved their valor in war. It seems only natural to continue in the same vein and form a gay brigade. Of course, they will have to accept insulting behavior from fellow soldiers, but certainly nothing worse than the blacks and nisei suffered.

JOEL SAVITZ, Leysin, Switzerland.

For the Mountain Gorillas, Survival Is in the Balance

By H. Dieter Steklis

NEW BRUNSWICK, New Jersey — I climbed the slope of the volcano slowly, knowing the gorillas were near. Just beyond the green tangle of thistle and nettle in front of me.

Suddenly, the wall of vegetation exploded as Bilbo, a silver-back male, thundered toward me, sending me flying backward, tumbling head over heels to the bottom of this large salad bowl.

I lay laughing uncontrollably, heady from the adrenaline pumping through

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me, happy to have survived, albeit ungracefully, my first encounter with one of the Karisoke Research Center's groups of mountain gorillas in Rwanda.

Apparently my sudden appearance was as surprising to Bilbo, who had been feeding on vegetation, as his appearance was to me, causing us both to respond instinctually with fear.

Despite this inauspicious encounter, in a few days Bilbo accepted me into his

group. I was another researcher, an object of occasional curiosity, a strange distant relative to be tolerated, to be granted the privilege of honorary gorilla group membership.

I understood then, as I do now with months of membership under my belt, that this privilege, extended to me and all researchers, had been hard-won.

It resulted from a trust between mountain gorilla and human, first established by Dian Fossey, who was mysteriously slain in 1985, and cemented by the many who have braved the high, damp Virunga volcanoes to walk in her steps.

Today, that hard-earned trust is in jeopardy and the lives of the wild mountain gorillas hang in the balance. Since Feb. 6, the Parc National des Volcans in the northwestern corner of Rwanda, home to half of the world's population of mountain gorillas, has become a zone of combat between the invading Rwandan Patriotic Front and government forces.

For the first time since its establishment by Ms. Fossey in 1967, the Karisoke Research Center (operated by the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund in Denver and London) stands empty. Its programs leading to the protection and conservation of the mountain gorilla and its unique ecosystem are suspended.

On Feb. 13, Karisoke researchers and administrative staff were evacuated. It was a poignant moment, as we left behind our brave Rwandan staff members, who pledged to remain to carry on the all-important anti-poaching patrols and contact with the gorilla groups.

Less than a week later the patrols stopped. Despite assurances by anti-government forces that Karisoke would remain untouched, troops came, shooting out windows, breaking down doors.

Our staff narrowly escaped into the forest. Valuable equipment and supplies were looted. They can be replaced. Structures can be rebuilt in a few weeks. But the potential damage to the gorilla population is not so easily repaired.

With only 600 to 650 mountain gorillas left in the world, we cannot turn our backs for a moment.

The mountain gorilla lives in Rwanda, Uganda and Zaire, but it does not belong to any country. It is a world resource and the international community must work jointly to preserve it.

Conserving this species and its habitat depends on finding a way, perhaps through the United Nations, to buffer the gorillas from the dangerous instability of shifting national politics.

I am afraid that our not-so-distant relatives are not high on the world's agenda of problems to solve. Yet the mountain gorilla needs help urgently. I, for one, do not want to break the hard-earned trust.

The writer, a professor of anthropology at Rutgers, directs the Karisoke Research Center in Rwanda. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

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Yeltsin Aides Urge Hard Line Against Rebellious Congress

By Margaret Shapiro

MOSCOW — Advisers to President Boris N. Yeltsin urged him Wednesday to take "extremely tough measures," including the imposition of presidential rule, to end Russia's debilitating political crisis...

The previous soft attitude toward the opposition with a more rigid one, he said. He said that while almost all the members favored disbanding the Congress and introducing rule by decree...

Japan Bends on Aid to Russia

By Paul Blustein

TOKYO — Japan, which has resisted calls to provide large-scale aid to Russia, plans to invite foreign ministers of the Group of Seven to Tokyo next month to discuss an aid package for Moscow, officials said Wednesday.

then go to Europe for possible consultations with other G-7 members. Besides the United States, Japan and France, the G-7 comprises Britain, Germany, Italy and Canada.

The move is aimed partly at deflecting a French call for an emergency meeting of G-7 leaders on assistance to Russia. Japan will host a G-7 annual meeting in July, and officials here were distressed at a demand by President François Mitterrand of France that the leaders convene earlier to help Boris N. Yeltsin, the Russian president.

In Madcap Insurrection, Newspaper Imitates City

By Howard Kurtz

NEW YORK — Pete Hamill, the ousted editor of the New York Post, walked triumphantly into the storied newsroom here, raised his right fist and, like a deposed general, proclaimed his old office.

Mr. Hirschfeld, 73, a parking-garage magnate, took control of the Post at a bankruptcy court hearing Friday. Mr. Hirschfeld promptly dismissed the popular Mr. Hamill and 72 other staff members...



A survivor sitting amid rubble from the Calcutta explosion in which several of his friends were killed. At least 60 people died in the blast.

India Puts Security Forces on Wider Alert

By Edward A. Gargan

NEW DELHI — After a wave of bombings in Bombay and Calcutta, India is jittery over the possibility of new acts of terrorism, particularly here in the capital.

The blast in Calcutta, which ripped through a poor, congested residential area near the furniture manufacturing area called Bowbazaar just after midnight. Killed at least 60 people and wounded more than 100.

UN Suspends Somali Conciliation Talks

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — The United Nations suspended Somalia conciliation talks on Wednesday until details of renewed fighting in the southern port of Kismayu become available.

Leonard Kapungo, director of the UN's Committee of National Reconciliation, told diplomats he would brief Somali faction leaders on Thursday and that a decision would then be made on whether to abandon the conference.

The U.S. military spokesman, Colonel Fred Peck, said that the force started deploying on Wednesday afternoon and that the troops would arrive within 24 hours.

The U.S. military has accused one warrior, General Mohammed Said Hersi Morgan, of trying to derail peace talks in Addis Ababa by attacking the forces of a rival warrior, Ahmed Omar Jess, on Tuesday.

U.S. officials said General Morgan's men had mingled with women and children to infiltrate parts of the city controlled by Colonel Jess.



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KOHL: Suffering by Comparison

(Continued from page 1) reunification, which is estimated at nearly \$1 trillion over the next decade and a half. But, largely because he began by proposing cuts in welfare and unemployment benefits just as steelworkers and others were losing their jobs at a record pace...

After bickering for years about whether a change in the country's constitution was necessary to stem the influx of asylum-seekers, the coalition parties and the Social Democratic opposition agreed late last year to eliminate the constitutional guarantee of asylum to any refugee who asks for it.

KOREA: 'Backdoor' Talks

(Continued from page 1) nel" meetings in Beijing for about three years. Reports on Korea's KBS public television network said such a meeting was held Wednesday to discuss the nuclear inspection crisis.

Mr. Lu said that if Mr. Patten continued to press ahead with his proposals to make Hong Kong more democratic, China would begin making preparations for "setting up a new kitchen."

PIGEONS: Civilian Carriers Now

(Continued from page 1) sport in the hands of the federation rather than the government, although pigeon owners will still be required to give information to the Defense Ministry.

Sergeant Pessel, whose father and grandfather also flew pigeons, described the racing birds as beautiful, clean and "mysterious" creatures that are affectionate and loyal both to their handlers and to their partners, to whom their monogamous attachment is well known.

Mr. Patten said Wednesday that he was not concerned by China's intention to form its own post-1997 government for Hong Kong if it meant that Beijing would finally come up with proposals on electoral change.

HEALTH / SCIENCE

The Origins of Man: Which Fish?

By Malcolm W. Browne  
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Many of us forget that our ancestors were fishes, but among biologists the debate over exactly which class of ancient fish was closest to our forebears remains a hotly disputed topic. Was it the coelacanth or the lungfish that was more closely related to the family tree of four-limbed vertebrates that led to human beings?

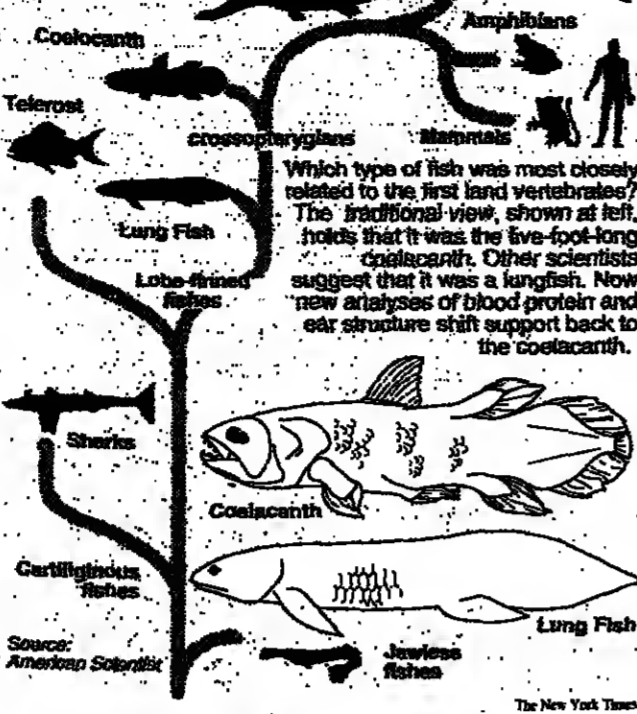
Some new laboratory and fossil evidence seems to favor the coelacanth. Far from settling the controversy, however, the latest discoveries have inflamed it.

In recent years, the preponderance of expert opinion has shifted toward the lungfish as the closest relative of the tetrapods, a group that includes amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including ourselves. But new analyses of blood proteins and ear structures of present-day lungfish and coelacanths have convinced some scientists that the coelacanth is closer.

The first invasion of land by aquatic vertebrates nearly 400 million years ago was a momentous act in evolutionary history. It required the colonists to adopt new modes of locomotion, major changes in their organs of vision and hearing, and a new bellows apparatus for drawing oxygen from air, augmenting or replacing the gill system used by fish to draw oxygen from water.

No one can be certain which group or groups of fishes was the first to make the transition to land, or what their evolutionary pathways may have been. Nevertheless, the lungfish and the coelacanths

The Fish on Our Family Tree



each have their scientific partisans. Lungfish are slim, eel-like fish with air-breathing lungs as well as gills, and four filamentary fins they use to feel out their surroundings. Fossil lungfish are found in sediments more than 400 million years old, and modern ones live in freshwater streams and lakes in South America, Africa and Australia. Coelacanths, with a similarly ancient pedigree, were believed to

have died out about 80 million years ago, until a living coelacanth was caught off the South African coast in 1938. Its identification as a "living fossil" caused a scientific sensation. Since then, several hundred coelacanths have been caught in waters near the Comoro Islands, although none has survived the experience, and some scientists fear they are about to become truly extinct. These predators, about five

feet long, have been photographed maneuvering into peculiar head-down stances with the help of their barb-like fins. They seek their prey on the ocean bottom and rarely, if ever, approach the surface.

In trying to decipher the evolution of tetrapods from fish, scientists face formidable problems. The transition from water to land occurred long ago, and various family trees suggested by the fossil record are so tangled that scientists acknowledge they may never be able to sort them out definitively.

Recent debate has focused on the work of two German scientists, Thomas Gorr and Dr. Traute Kleinschmidt, both of the Max Planck Institute for Biochemistry at Martinsried, Germany. They recently recalculated their earlier (and highly controversial) analyses of the blood hemoglobin of 522 marine and land-dwelling animals, and concluded that there is a close chemical match between one component of the coelacanth's blood hemoglobin and its corresponding component in tadpole blood.

The match, they reported, was not nearly as good between the coelacanth and an adult frog, however. The implication of this discovery, Mr. Gorr said in an interview, is that the metamorphosis of a tadpole into a frog not only recapitulates the gross physical changes the fish underwent as they evolved into air-breathing tetrapods, but also recapitulates the molecular changes from fish hemoglobin to tetrapod hemoglobin.

Mr. Gorr and Dr. Kleinschmidt concluded in an article in American Scientist that "there is no reason to doubt that the coelacanth is the closest living relative of the tetrapods."

PARIS FASHION



From Vivienne Westwood, elegance with fake fur, at left; Valentino pantsuit and lingerie gown with sequined tie.

Valentino's Ruffles and Normality

By Suzy Menkes  
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — A pretty Valentino show brought the collections back to normal Wednesday as couturiers took over from the avant-garde. There we were, down and out in a seedy music hall, watching Jean Colonna's scruffy models, cigarettes in hand, wearing down-and-dirty leatherette jackets, seams scarring the outside. Then suddenly it was the Valentino show at the Louvre with a model opening a fancy bathrobe to show a whole Trevi fountain of chiffon ruffles.

Never have the Paris shows seemed so surreal, as we move from Vivienne Westwood's haute camp into the haute couture camp. So it's chalk and brie in Paris? Gallic grunge vs. couture chic? Not quite. For the uptown designers are smart enough to go with the flow.

Valentino added a few specks of grunge in his mix of check and fleck tweeds; he had a dash of the zippies in his folkloric flower-patterned jackets. But basically he just made a very good job of softening up his silhouette and lengthening skirts without making anything look dull and drab. The bathrobe coat — a soft jacket, gentle at the shoulders and sashed at the waist — was his replacement for firm tailoring. He had a lot of pants, but tackled the blemish problem with gusto. His over-the-knee skirts were wrapped into a frill at the rear or fluted above the calf. They are not for everyone, but they worked and for ladylike customers they took the sternness out of long skirts.

Valentino tried his hand at modern fashion — in his way. There were new skinny long coats with the ruffled pants peeking through; the long look was elegant for a peaking bathrobe or an elongated knitted cardigan over soft pants.

There was a touch of costume-party romance in a blouse with waterfall frills. There is, after all, a customer out there for real clothes; even for lingerie evening gowns with ruffles, lace and the tagliatelli of decoration reheated from Valentino's January couture. Even, maybe, for sparkling evening sweaters, with patterns of snowflakes and reindeer.

The designer also threw in a few specks of grunge and a dash of hippie.

her usual subversive romp with Scotch-on-the-frocks outfits mixing in plaids and argyle leggings and the models teetering (Naomi Campbell fell over) on Westwood's trademark vertiginous platform-sole shoes. The models camped up couture with (fake) fur stole, a sweeping camel cape or a lowering luscious hat. Among the parade of waltzing ballgowns was a body-molding sheath that looked for all the world like a condom.

Curving knitwear, with sly slits at the cleavage or made in glitter knit, had a touch of French elegant nonchalance. And underneath all the high jinks, Westwood's complex plaid jackets and bustle-back skirts are not so very far from the grand old days of Dior's haute couture.

WESTWOOD was right to claim in her program notes that the British have historically had a strong influence on fashion. But John Richmond, a British designer showed for the first time in Paris on Wednesday and there was nothing much new, except for dark velvets worked in William Morris prints, which look set for another fashion flowering. That is part of the 1970s theme that Richmond concentrated on too much. His bias-cut dresses over visible panties were a British first — when we saw them from John Galiano two years ago.

For all the in-your-face ugliness of Colonna's clothes, the designer who has made leatherette and outside seams his trademark was trained in haute couture and he is a fine cutter. His tweed jackets may have a safety pin skewering the back, but they fall in a precise proportion. A mole-brown velvet vest (all designers are into brown and velvet) is made in a complex jigsaw puzzle of pieces. His dresses with blooms flowing from a dismal background had a sour romance.

Westwood has a mission: to bring back the elegance that drowned under a tide of street fashion. She told us in a program dissertation. But on the runway it seemed like more of

Assisted Suicide: Is It Ever Right?

By Jane E. Brody  
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — As an unstoppable cancer ravaged my mother's 49-year-old body, she tried twice to hasten her inevitable death, first by slashing her wrists and then by swallowing rubbing alcohol. Both times she was "rescued," forcing her to suffer further unrelenting insults to her once stalwart figure and boundless energy.

Unable to retain food, she withered to 65 pounds (30 kilos), half her original weight, all the while yearning to be out of her misery. But instead of heeding her demonstrated wish to die and easing her way with, say, an overdose of sleeping pills, at her doctor's request we allowed her to serve as a "test animal" for possible new drugs against her kind of cancer, causing her to suffer further from the toxic effects of the medications.

It seemed altruistic, even noble, at the time, but in retrospect it was cruel and inhuman punishment to a dignified woman who had already served society as an inspiring teacher for 32 years.

When my mother died in 1958, no health professional would have openly helped her to end her life. Today doctor-assisted suicide is a subject of vigorous debate, national headlines and state legislation.

Extremists on both sides — Dr. Jack Kevorkian of Michigan and his suicide machine and the Hemlock Society's published prescriptions for self-destruction on the one side and fundamentalist religious groups and traditional medical ethicists on the other — have galvanized feelings on an issue that deserves more rational consideration.

The importance of the issue will loom even larger as medicine continues to devise ways to prolong life, at least as it is biologically defined, and as health-care costs at the end of life continue to zoom into the stratosphere.

Society at least partly sanctions two forms of what might be called doctor-assisted deaths, steps that hasten the end for terminally ill people. One is the withholding of treatment, including breathing assistance and tube feeding; the other is the administration of high doses of narcotics to relieve pain or other symptoms. But for a doctor to actively help a patient die is outlawed in 37 states.

Still, untold numbers of doctors have in one or more cases gone outside the law. They have surreptitiously provided the means to a quicker end for patients they may

have tended for months or years. Now, rather than continuing to risk prosecution, many are asking that doctor-assisted suicides be legalized in certain well-defined instances.

Advocates emphasize that because it is predicated on a request from the patient, doctor-assisted suicide is quite different from active euthanasia, in which a doctor or nurse might decide to end a patient's suffering, even when the patient has not sought such intervention. Still, there is a real fear that sanctioning assisted suicides might lead to abuse.

For example, institutions or insurers forced to sustain wanting lives at exorbitant cost might be tempted to use assisted suicide to control costs. Another concern is that patients who cannot speak for themselves or fully comprehend their circumstances might be coerced into choosing death rather than becoming burdens on their families or society.

Dr. Timothy E. Quill, who has written eloquently on the subject, says there is also a very realistic worry that some patients who request help in ending their lives may have conditions that can be improved with proper treatment, giving them a new perspective on life.

Among those conditions are severe pain and mental depression, potentially treatable problems that can lead to feelings of desperation.

Dr. Quill, a specialist in medicine and psychiatry at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and a former director of a hospice center, put his career on the line two years ago by publishing in The New England Journal of Medicine his decision to supply a lethal dose of barbiturates to a terminally ill leukemia patient, who used them to kill herself.

The thousands of letters he received in response encouraged him to write a book, "Death and Dignity: Making Choices and Taking Charge," published by W. W. Norton. In it he presents a case for a "cautious" exploration of doctor-assisted suicide "under carefully controlled conditions."

In November, he and two collaborators, Dr. Christine Cassel of the University of Chicago and Dr. Diane Meier of Mount Sinai Medical School in New York, proposed these criteria for allowing doctor-assisted suicide:

• The patient must have an incurable condition that causes severe, unrelenting suffering and must understand the prognosis and options of available care.

• The patient must be assured of adequate "comfort care" so that a decision to die is not influenced by a fear or experience of suffering that can be relieved by less drastic action.

• The request for doctor-assisted suicide must be made clearly and repeatedly and emanate from the patient's own free will rather than come from a family member or surrogate or even from a directive the patient prepared in advance of illness.

• The patient's judgment must not be distorted by depression or some other reversible mental disorder which, if treated, might change the patient's perspective on a desire to die. For example, relief of depression in severely handicapped patients may allow them to see things that are worth living for.

• The doctor involved should be one who has had a meaningful relationship with the patient and can fully understand why the patient considers death the best option.

• A consulting doctor should concur that "the patient's request is voluntary and rational, the diagnosis and prognosis accurate, and the exploration of comfort-oriented alternatives thorough."

• The patient, the doctor and the consultant must each sign a consent form attesting to the fact that the above conditions have been satisfied.

In an interview, Dr. Quill emphasized: "Each person has his or her own definition of what is tolerable. The patient is the expert on his own circumstances."

As he and his collaborators wrote in the journal, "The most brightening aspect of death for many is not physical pain but the prospect of losing control and independence and of dying in an undignified, unattractive, absurd and existentially unacceptable condition."

This is how my mother died, and 35 years later I still regret that we did not let her choose her own way.

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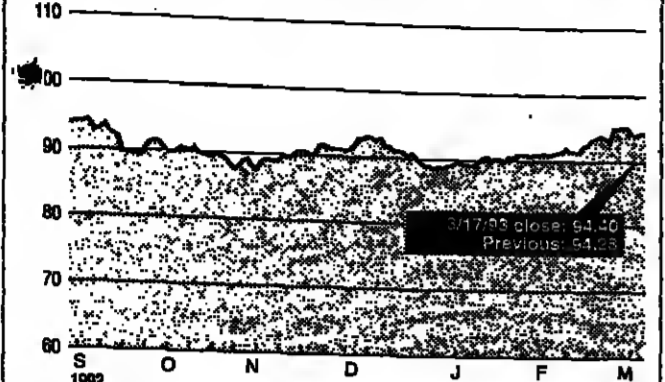
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Region	Close	Prev.	% Change
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Miscellaneous	95.52	95.54	-0.0%

## U.S.-Japan Chip Pact: Working Too Well?

**By Andrew Pollack**  
*New York Times Service*

TOKYO — The semiconductor trade agreement between the United States and Japan has reached a critical juncture, and once again Japan is being criticized for its failure to live up to the goal of opening 20 percent of its market to foreign chips. But for Japan, the real concern might not be that the agreement hasn't worked to increase foreign market share, but that it has worked so well.

While it is true that U.S. and other non-Japanese manufacturers still do not have 20 percent of Japan's market, the fact is that foreign market share has doubled since the first semiconductor trade agreement was signed in mid-1986, from 8.6 percent to an expected level of 17 percent or more at the end of 1992. And this increase, U.S. executives say, would never have happened without the trade agreement.

"The opinion of our industry, collectively, is absolutely unambiguous," Norman P. Neuziler, director of Texas Instruments Japan, said Wednesday. "The existence of this agreement has made a big difference."

But this very success might now encourage American companies or the American government to ask for specific market-share goals in other industries in which Japan's market is to be closed. And this step toward what is called "managed trade" has the Japanese worried, especially since the administration of President Bill Clinton might be more receptive to such an approach than the Bush administration was.

"I think that this is a bad example of an arrangement between two free-market economies, so I don't want to accept or extend this type of arrangement to other sectors," said Sozaburo Okamoto, director-general of the International Trade and Industry. He said the specifying a market-share figure in the semiconductor agreement has led to numerous misunderstandings, because the United States regards the figure as a commitment while Japan regarded it only as an expectation.

## Trade Gap 'Inevitable'

*Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches*

TOKYO — The governor of the Bank of Japan, Yasuhiro Mieno, said Wednesday that it would be undesirable for Japan to provide excessive stimulus to the economy just to curb the nation's trade surplus.

Speaking at a news conference, Mr. Mieno said the surplus was inevitable considering the Japanese pattern of deposits and investments. He said inflation may rise if the government tried to increase domestic consumption.

"Over the medium term," Mr. Mieno said, "there is a strong possibility that a substantial current-account surplus will continue for the time being. To some extent, it's inevitable in view of Japan's savings and investment structure." (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

Japan has always been reluctant to set specific goals. The first semiconductor trade agreement between the United States and Japan included statements in which Japan recognized the expectation of the United States that foreign chipmakers could achieve 20 percent of the Japanese market by the end of the agreement in mid-1991. But that language was contained not in the main text of the treaty but in a secret side letter.

In mid-1991, with the market-share goal unmet, the agreement was renewed, with the 20 percent goal being postponed until the end of 1992 and being put into the main text of the treaty.

Market-share figures for the last quarter of 1992 are expected to be announced as early as this week, but it is already clear the figure will fall short of 20 percent. The share is likely to be about 17 percent using the U.S.-favored formula and perhaps 19 percent using the formula advocated by Japan.

U.S. government and industry officials have already

## Price Rise Is Modest In U.S.

*By Lawrence Malkin*  
*International Herald Tribune*

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## DASA Plans New Layoffs, Unions Say

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MUNICH — Deutsche Aerospace AG is planning to cut an additional 3,500 jobs by the end of 1994 on top of the 7,500 layoffs already announced, union sources said Wednesday.

Thousands of workers from Deutsche Aerospace were demonstrating at many company sites against the job cuts, union and company officials said.

Spokesmen for DASA, a division of Daimler-Benz AG, and the IG Metall union could not say how many factories were affected by the demonstrations, but the protests affected DASA's main plants in Bavaria.

A DASA spokesman said figures mentioned by IG Metall of more than 11,000 jobs cut were "outlandish" and he could not confirm such a number. "But it can also not exclude" that savings by the German defense ministry and in space programs would lead to further job cuts, he added.

Last year, DASA said it was planning to cut 10 percent of its workforce of 70,000 people by 10 percent during 1993 and 1994.

A union spokesman said the protests were partly aimed at DASA management and at the state of Bavaria.

Workers called on the state premier, Max Streibl, to ensure that jobs would be kept in Bavaria.

Separately, DASA, which has agreed to take a 51 percent stake in Fokker NV, may scrap the Fokker 130 project and replace it with a completely new model, according to a report in Het Financieel Dagblad, the Dutch daily.

(Reuters, AFX)

## Continental Cancels Big Airbus Order

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WILMINGTON, Delaware — A U.S. bankruptcy judge has allowed Continental Airlines to cancel \$4.2 billion in firm and optional orders for 46 Airbus Industrie A-330 and A-340 airliners.

Continental is operating under court protection from creditors, and the decision by Judge Helen S. Balick on Tuesday came during a week of hearings on the airline's plan to reorganize and emerge from bankruptcy.

Separately, American Airlines, squeezed like the rest of the airline industry by overcapacity in a suicidally competitive market, decided to ground 25 McDonnell Douglas DC-10s rather than returning 25 leased Airbus A-300-600s.

In a statement in Fort Worth, Texas, the airline's parent, AMR Inc., said Wednesday

that the DC-10s, nearly 20 years old, burned 39 percent more fuel than the newer Airbus.

A source in Paris said AMR had no constraints on dropping the DC-10s, which are almost fully depreciated, but was obliged to pay Airbus penalties if it returned the leased A-300s. The source said Airbus offered AMR a package of incentives to keep the A-300s, but he declined to say what these were.

As compensation for its lost orders from Continental, Airbus agreed to file a \$55 million unsecured claim with the bankruptcy court. If the bankruptcy plan is approved, which seems likely, unsecured claims will be paid with common stock in the twice-reorganized airline.

Continental's 20 firm orders were slated for

delivery from next year through 1997, and its 26 options were to be delivered from 1997 to 2000. The \$4.2 billion price tag included spare engines.

Airbus's twin-engine A-330 and its longer-range, four-engine A-340 are the newest planes from the European consortium. Airbus delivered its first A-340 last month to Lufthansa and has a total of 115 on order. It has not made any A-330 deliveries yet, and has a total of 144 on order.

Under Continental's plan, the reorganized company will issue 18.2 million shares of new stock to unsecured creditors and the new principal owners, Air Canada and Air Partners.

But major claims are still pending against Continental, the largest by former pilots of its defunct sister airline, Eastern, for \$1.3 billion.

(Bloomberg, UPI, Reuters)

## INTERNATIONAL MANAGER BA and USAir: Unresolved Question of Real Control

*By Martin Tolchin*  
*New York Times Service*

WASHINGTON — Now that the U.S. government has given British Airways permission to buy a portion of USAir, the question that remains at the heart of the debate on foreign investment in the U.S. airline industry is how big a portion would give it control. Indeed, it is a boardroom axiom that a majority vote is not always needed to influence corporate decisions: Any large stockholder — and large is a relative term — almost always gains a role in shaping management policy.

Seeth E. Schofield, chairman and president of USAir, said that even if British Airways received more than the legal limit of 25 percent of his company's stock, it would still lack effective control of the U.S. carrier.

But some legal experts are not so sure.

Mr. Schofield said at a luncheon meeting of the International Aviation Club that even if the British carrier gained 44 percent of USAir's voting stock under a proposed five-year plan, "they still would lack a majority" and control of the airline.

Government officials said that if the agreement was fully carried out, British Airways would have veto power over major management decisions, including the hiring of executives and marketing, planning and compensation. The British carrier would have four of USAir's 16 board members.

Legal scholars say the factors include whether an investor has veto power over management decisions; whether voting stock is widely dispersed or concentrated in a few hands; whether a company is financially dependent on an investor; whether a company has rival groups vying for control; whether an investor has a pattern of nominating a majority of a board, and whether an investor has the same financial interest as the company.

"As a practical matter, if you have the power to choose or restrain the choice of members of the board, you have the power to control management and policies," said John C. Coffee of the Columbia University Law School.

John Lampl, a spokesman for British Airways, said that even with 44 percent of USAir's stock, "USAir will control the destiny of USAir, and not British Airways."

## France Debates Fighting Joblessness With Sharing

*By Jacques Neher*  
*Special to the Herald Tribune*

PARIS — Can an industrialized nation solve its chronic unemployment problem by asking people who have jobs to share them with those who don't?

That is the crux of a question being posed in France, as politicians, corporate officials and union leaders debate whether the concept of job-sharing can make a dent in the country's mounting jobless total, now approaching 3 million, or 10.5 percent of the active working population.

The answer may prove useful for the rest of Europe, where average unemployment has just topped 10 percent, and where it is likely to get worse as major European companies such as Philips, Fiat and Volkswagen plan further cutbacks.

Some companies, such as Hewlett Packard France, AXA Assurances and Rhone-Poulenc, have not waited for the debate to be resolved. In recent months, they have announced innovative programs that use job-sharing as part of their plans to save current jobs and create new ones.

On Wednesday, a majority of the 2,056

workers at Thomson Tubes Electroniques, a unit of Thomson-CSF, voted to accept a work-sharing plan designed to save 412 jobs. They agreed to forgo a meaningful pay raise and to work five fewer days per year.

The approach of France's legislative elections, which will be held the next two Sundays, has pushed the issue to the fore, as two environmentalist parties and the Socialists — who are likely to be turned out of office — have latched onto the concept as a response to unemployment that they hope to keep alive in the two years leading up to the 1995 presidential election.

"The debate on work-sharing indicates how important a theme unemployment has become in this campaign," said Eric Taze-Bernard, economist with Banque Indosuez. "All the political parties are trying to offer some new ideas."

An indication that the job-sharing concept has gained force could be seen in the opposition's vitriolic reaction. Last week, Jacques Chirac, the mayor of Paris and president of the neo-Gaullist Rally for the Republic party, said job-sharing is a policy was "a stupid and dangerous idea." Alain Madelin, a deputy in the National Assembly and vice presi-

dent of the French Democratic Union, called it "a solution of despair."

Instead, a joint RPR-UDF platform seeks to address unemployment by reducing the social contributions required of new employees. The conservatives, set to take control of the French government, argue that it would cost less to effectively subsidize employer contributions than to pay unemployment benefits.

The search for solutions to joblessness has been heightened by a round of economic and demographic studies indicating there is almost no way France can "grow" itself out of the problem. Even with an average economic growth of 3 percent — an optimistic scenario, given the current flat economy — economists for the French Planning Commission predict that unemployment will remain over 10 percent. With an average growth of 2 percent, unemployment would increase to a range of 11.2 percent to 11.6 percent, they say.

The problem, they say, is that the positive effects of economic growth will be negated by expected gains in productivity of 2 percent to 2.5 percent a year and by a 1 percent

annual increase in the number of people of working age.

To reduce unemployment substantially, economists say, France would have to register growth of 5 percent to 6 percent for 10 years. "In the present international political climate, this goal is utopian," said Jean-Paul Fitoussi, president of OFCE, a public economic forecasting agency.

In some ways, job-sharing is being fast as an improved version of a decade-old measure. In 1981, the newly elected government of Francois Mitterrand, responding to Communist Party pressures, instituted a 39-hour workweek with compensation fixed at the previous 40-hour level.

That policy, sold as a measure to create jobs, had little effect, and even the Socialists acknowledge that it was a mistake. Between 1981 and 1992, salaried employment in France rose by only 6 percent, to 14.7 million, while the number of job-seekers in the period soared 55 percent, to almost 3 million.

Some proponents, however, now say the approach will work if the reduction in work

## Papua New Guinea Settles With Foreign Miners

*Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches*

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea — The Papua New Guinea government, settling a high-stakes dispute with foreign mining companies, said Wednesday that it would pay them 138.75 million kina (\$142.8 million) to increase its holding in the giant Porgera gold mine.

The announcement ended a period of tension that began last year when the newly elected government of Prime Minister Pias Winiagi said it wanted a bigger interest in the mine — one of the largest out-

side South Africa — because it was richer and more profitable than previously thought.

Papua New Guinea, which now has a 10 percent stake in the mine, will buy an additional 5 percent share from each of its three Australian partners, Placer Pacific, Highlands Gold and Renison Goldfields Consolidated. Each of the four parties will thus have a 25 percent stake.

Highlands is 65 percent owned by MIM Holdings of Australia, Placer Pacific is 76 percent owned by Placer Dome of Canada, and

Renison Goldfields is 44 percent owned by Hanson PLC of Britain.

"The announcement will be good for the gold sector and the Porgera partners," said Peter Rudd, mining analyst with the Australian brokers McKinley Wilson & Co. "It will remove the uncertainty which has been hanging over the project for the last six months, and could clear the air for other big projects waiting in the wings."

Campbell Anderson, managing director of Renison, said: "It is a good solution to a problem that never should have happened." Bill Hundy, company secretary at Placer, said: "It is the best we could have expected."

Analysts said overseas mining companies had been closely watching the outcome. Had the compensation in the three miners been deemed too low, it could have damaged the resource-rich country's ability to attract foreign capital.

Under the new pact, the government will pay the \$142 million by the year 2009 out of proceeds from the mine. Until then, the companies will be entitled to the tax depreciation benefit of their former stakes.

The government last year had accused the foreign partners of intentionally misleading the government about production and cash flow at the mine, a charge the partners denied.

In the agreement announced Wednesday, the government retracted those accusations. The mining and petroleum minister, Maskeo Langalia, said in Parliament that the government was "now satisfied that the increases in resources at Porgera over the past three years were the result of ongoing exploration and technical re-assessment."

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USA	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%
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Italy	5.50%	5.50%	5.50%	5.50%

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Spain	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%
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Hoogovens Posts Loss, Omits Payout

By Barbara Smit
Special to the Herald Tribune
AMSTERDAM — Pummelled by a weak and overcrowded European steel market, Hoogovens NV posted Wednesday a 1992 loss of 595 million guilders (\$319.5 million).

Structural overcapacity in the steel sector, estimated at 15 percent, and an average 6 percent price decline in the Hoogovens product range last year, partly caused by cheap imports from Eastern Europe, were blamed for the results.

Maarten van Veen, chairman of Hoogovens, said results for the first half of this year would be "at the same level" as the last half of 1992.

Mr. van Veen said price increases of as much as 15 percent for its steel products as of April 1, which the company had announced together with Thyssen of Germany, British Steel and Usinor-Sacilor of France, had been accepted by the market.

Bayer Doesn't Like the Look of 1993

Bloomberg Business News
LEVERKUSEN, Germany — Bayer AG's profit and sales will be flat, at best, in 1993 because of the worldwide economic slump and increased competition from Asian and East European producers, the German chemical company's chief executive said Wednesday.

1992, or worse, Mr. Schneider said, Bayer also sells pharmaceuticals, which did better last year than chemicals, and information technology.

Price cuts and controls, and prescription limits, have had a dramatic effect on Bayer's drug operations, he said.

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EC and Partners Sign Revised Pact

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BRUSSELS — The European Community and the European Free Trade Association agreed Wednesday to changes in their common market pact that will allow them to go ahead without Switzerland.

market of 370 million people thus created will rival the North American Free Trade Agreement of the United States, Canada and Mexico as the world's biggest free-trade zone.

to take force by a July 1 target date, a date that many admit is ambitious.

At Minorco, A Lift From Minerals

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
LONDON — Minorco SA said Wednesday that its pretax profit rose 3.4 percent in the six months ended Dec. 31, as the mining and finance concern's losses on gold operations were offset by better returns from industrial minerals.

Minorco, which is 60 percent owned jointly by Anglo-American Corp. of South Africa and De Beers Group, had pretax profit of \$109.2 million in its financial first half, up from \$105.6 million in the year-earlier period.

CARS: For Europe, the Crisis Has Come Just-in-Time

(Continued from page 1)
its employment worldwide by 36,000 from today's 265,000. But that won't be enough. After a resurgence with General Motors, VW hired José Ignacio López de Arriortua, a known cost-cutter, on Tuesday as its production and purchasing chief to help carry out a much more far-reaching restructuring.

Ford, which turned its North American operations around in the 1980s, confronts a similar challenge today in Europe, where it plans to complete a cutback of 100,000 jobs by the middle of the year.

considered at the edge of what was politically tolerable, now look modest by comparison with the present harsh outlook.

The Wages of Devaluation

International Herald Tribune
BRUSSELS — The pound's devaluation, which has given Britain its best hope of economic recovery, now looks like offering the only immediate prospect of making a dent in the government's massive budget deficit.

The devaluation since the pound was removed from the exchange-rate mechanism last September should reduce Britain's portion of the European Community's budget by nearly \$35 million European currency units (\$447 million) this year.

Both countries benefit because member states' share of the EC budget is based on their wealth as calculated in Euro. So although the devaluations have made Britain and Italy poorer relative to other EC countries, their government coffers will end up richer.

Olivetti Trading Inquiry Is Sought

AFP-Excel News
MILAN — An Italian stockholders group asked Wednesday for an insider-trading inquiry into an Olivetti executive's reported denial last week that a capital increase was upcoming, when in fact it was.

The Assorinor association asked the market regulator, Consob, to investigate remarks by Olivetti SpA's managing director, Corrado Passera. According to the association, Mr. Passera said in London last week that Olivetti would not undertake a capital increase in the short term.

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1	0.5	McAfee	0	0	10	100	1	0.5	0.2	0.8

## JOBS: France Considers Plan to Share Positions

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time is accompanied by a reduction in pay or subsidized by new taxes.

The environmentalist party, the Greens, has proposed cutting the workweek to 35 hours immediately and to 30 hours by the end of the century. Workers earning less than 8,000 francs (about \$1,410) a month would continue to receive their present pay, while those earning more would have their salaries cut by 6 to 8 percent for each 10 percent reduction in hours. Alain Lipietz, the Greens' economic specialist, says the shift to a 35-hour week would lead to the creation of "1 million to 2 million jobs" without affecting companies' profits or competitive positions.

"On the macroeconomic level, the idea is based on the simple observation that the number of hours worked by a country is fixed, and that if everyone accepts to work fewer hours, the remaining work can be absorbed by the unemployed," Mr. Lipietz said.

Another environmental party, Ecology Generation, proposes a 35-hour workweek without salary cuts. It would finance the plan by imposing a new energy and pollution tax and increasing an existing general social tax.

The Socialists have offered several variations on the theme. Laurent Fabius, a former prime minister, has asked for a 33-hour, four-day workweek. Pierre Bergé, the current prime minister, is a proponent of a 35-hour week, but only if accepted by other members of the European Community. Martine Aubry, the current labor minister, said that a shift to a 37-hour week, accompa-

ned by a near freeze in wages over a five-year period, would lead to the creation of 500,000 jobs.

But Mr. Taze-Bernard of Banque Indosuez said he is "skeptical" of such claims, noting that a variety of studies have been conducted in recent times, "and their results aren't unanimous."

He said a mandatory nationwide job-sharing policy would make little sense on a macroeconomic level because, for it to work, France would have to keep its factories going full time, bringing per-unit production costs down while producing more goods.

"But demand wouldn't necessarily rise just because production did," he said.

Nevertheless, job-sharing, some experts say, could prove a valuable response to unemployment if left as a voluntary measure, perhaps aided by tax incentives, that companies and their workers could employ if it met their particular needs.

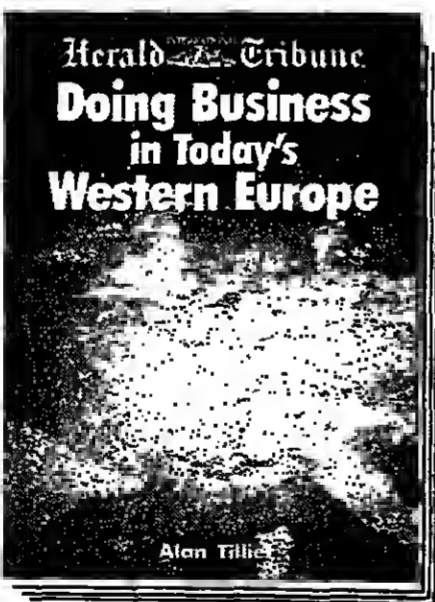
Such was the case with Hewlett-Packard, which has just adopted a job-sharing program at its circuit-board plant in Grenoble after four months of negotiations with the plant's two unions. The plan is intended to save 250 jobs at the plant and ultimately create 100 new ones.

"With the price of personal computers dropping by half, we were faced with cutting our costs in order to remain competitive or else moving production to Singapore," said Anne-Marie Gbert, spokeswoman for the American computer company.

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'Real-Name' Delay Lifts Seoul Stocks

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SEUL — Share prices rose strongly in moderate trading Wednesday on news of deregulation plans for some industries and postponement of a so-called real-name system for share deals.

"We have decided to shelve the real-name system for the time being," an official was quoted as saying, adding, "what is most important now is to stimulate the stagnant economy."

Mr. Kim had promised in the election campaign to put the real-name system into force for all financial and business transactions, to eliminate tax evasion and fraud.

Seoul's main stock market index has fallen 9.2 percent since the beginning of the year. Analysts attributed part of the decline to investor fears that a real-name system would be put into effect.

Brokers also said institutions had bought aggressively Wednesday on news that the government intended to lift a number of regulations on several industries.

Electrical issues did well after antidumping duties imposed by the United States on Korean semiconductor turned out to be lower than expected.

(AFX, Bloomberg)

Koreans Cheer U.S. Chip Duty

SEUL — South Korean chipmakers reacted with relief on Wednesday after the United States imposed lower-than-expected final antidumping duties on semiconductor exports that had barely affected margins.

There will be little impact on exports and profits, the Korea Semiconductor Industry Association said.

The main companies involved are Goldstar Electron Co., Hyundai Group's Hyundai Electronics Co. and Samsung Electronics Co.

Trade Minister Kim Chul Su described the ruling as a "fair judgment" by the U.S. Commerce Department.

Analysts said the final duties, ranging from 0.74 to 7.19 percent, had taken into account the adverse effect higher chip prices would have on the U.S. computer industry.

GE Capital Rides the Dragon U.S. Firm Wants to Issue More Asia Bonds

Bloomberg Business News
HONG KONG — General Electric Capital Corp. hopes to sell four to five so-called dragon bonds in U.S. dollars over the next two years as part of an expansion plan for the Asian region, its treasurer said Wednesday.

The company, which is the finance subsidiary of General Electric Co. of the United States, will within the next few days become the first corporate borrower to tap the dragon bond market. The issue will raise between \$200 million and \$300 million and will have a maturity of three to five years.

The treasurer, Jeffrey Werner, said at a news conference in Hong Kong that there was no reason why Asia could not be a significant source of funding for GE Capital. "I hope to be back here by the end of the year, depending on market acceptance obviously, and I hope to be here two or three times next year," he said.

Dragon bonds are those exclusively sold and listed in Asia, other than Japan, and are denominated in a currency that is different from that of the issuer's home country.

Mr. Werner said that GE Capital, which has stakes of between 30 percent and 50 percent in four

finance companies in Asia, intended to expand rapidly in the region.

The four companies are Taiwan Acceptance Corp., United Merchants Finance in Hong Kong, Astra Credit in Indonesia and Seabank Financial Services in Malaysia.

Mr. Werner said he expected other corporate issuers to follow GE Capital into the dragon bond market. "If we are successful and can do a couple more there will be greater activity among corporate issuers here," he said.

As the dragon bond market matures, GE Capital would like to see it mirror pricing in the more developed Eurobond market. Mr. Werner said. The company is seeking to raise between \$8 billion and \$10 billion in the world's capital markets this year.

The timing of the launch of the current GE Capital dragon bond issue will depend on U.S. dollar capital markets, said Albert Cobetto, a senior vice president at Lehman Brothers Asia. Lehman Brothers Securities is the lead manager.

GE Capital and Lehman Brothers declined to discuss the pricing of the issue, which will be listed on the Hong Kong and Singapore stock exchanges.

Auto Boom In China Aids Jardine

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HONG KONG — A boom in Mercedes-Benz car sales in Hong Kong and China gave Jardine International Motor Holdings Ltd. a 145.5 percent increase in profit last year, the company said Wednesday.

Profit climbed to \$59.46 million from \$24.22 million in 1991, while revenue grew to \$910.95 million from \$631.13 million.

Southern Star, the company's joint venture with Mercedes-Benz that sells into China, posted a 380 percent increase in sales in 1992 over the previous year, the company said. Figures were not available.

If nothing happens to upset the economy in China, it is highly likely that this year China sales will be substantially better than last year's, said Anthony Nightingale, managing director of Jardine Pacific.

Mr. Nightingale added a note of caution, however, saying the China market was historically volatile.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Shenzhen to Use Dollars

In a bid to lure more foreign investors, China's fledgling Shenzhen stock exchange will begin quoting a group of shares reserved for foreigners in U.S. dollars each Monday, an exchange official said Wednesday, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Hong Kong.

Shenzhen, China's B shares is expected to counter the depreciation of the yuan and put the market on a more equal footing with the Shanghai exchange, which has always denominated its stocks in U.S. dollars.

Investor's Asia
Table showing stock indices for Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, and other regions. Includes columns for Exchange, Index, and % Change.

Very briefly:

- Eastman Kodak Co.'s Japanese unit paid eight college graduates 2.5 million yen (\$21,150) each for reneging on a promise to employ them, a company spokesman said.
Japan Air Lines Co. said it would cut the number of its weekly cargo flights in the Pacific region to 22, from 25 at present, beginning in April.
Malaysian International Shipping Corp. posted a 8.4 percent drop in its financial 1992 net profit, to 503.9 million ringgit (\$30.4 million).
Cunard Lines Ltd. of Britain announced the creation of a tripartite joint venture, based in Hong Kong, to tap into the fast-growing cruise market in Asia. Partners are AIG Associates Ltd. and IMC Holdings Ltd. Malaysia Airlines may defer taking delivery of some of more than 60 Boeing Co. jetliners it has ordered through 1995, the national news agency Bernama reported, deliveries scheduled for this year would not be affected and no orders would be canceled.

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Despite Cathay, Swire's Earnings Look Strong

Bloomberg Business News
HONG KONG — Swire Pacific, one of Hong Kong's largest conglomerates, is expected to report on Thursday that it had a bumper year in 1992 with an increase in after-tax profit between 17.2 percent to 48.5 percent, analysts said Wednesday.

Analysts' forecasts for the company's net profit after taxes range from 3.6 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$461 million) to 4.56 billion dollars for the calendar year.

The company's rental income is up and with development profits and earnings from their other small businesses they should do fairly well," said Roland Bruce, an analyst at Star-

dard Chartered Securities, who sees net profit at 4.4 billion dollars.

Analysts said the company could be hit by the overall softness of the aviation industry. Some 46 percent of Swire's earnings come from Hong Kong's flag carrier, Cathay Pacific.

Cathay announced on March 11 a 1.9 percent rise in net profit after taxes and minority payments for 1992. Profit rose to 3.01 billion dollars.

Deputy Falkiner, a senior analyst at Morgan Grenfell, said, "We expect an 8 percent decline at Cathay in 1993 and some recovery in 1994. That'll take a bite out of Swire."

Nevertheless, Mr. Falkiner estimates that Swire's profit should increase between 9 percent to 12 percent over the next three years.

Swire has a number of other interests besides aviation. Its Swire Properties is involved in property development and rentals. The company dabbles in retail, owns a bottling company and an interest in a container terminal.

In the short term, analysts are focusing on a massive apartment development in Hong Kong's Mid-Levels district. Some 26 percent of Swire's earnings come from property, analysts said.

Analysts said the Robinson Place sales will be an indicator of how well Swire will do in the year to come. The project is behind schedule, they said, but units should go on sale in May.

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# SPORTS TELECASTS

## Baseball Gives Itself a Black(out) Eye With Eurosport TV

By Ian Thomsen

PARIS — The American pastime is being passed by in Europe. Eurosport TV, the newly merged European satellite network, does not plan to televise baseball, including the World Series, this year.

16-42 million European viewers will see regular season games and the playoffs of the National Basketball Association, the National Football League and the National Hockey League, as well as nondescript U.S. fights and interminable Indy car races.

But on baseball, or college basketball. Eurosport, which does not hold the rights to the NCAA basketball tournament, said it will make a bid to televise the semifinals and final next year.

Eurosport accepted most of Screensport's U.S. programming in merging with its competitor this month. Of the professional sports, only major league baseball, having failed to promote itself in Europe, will suffer the consequences of a TV blackout.

"I don't know how much interest there is for baseball in Europe," said Vincent Chupin, an assistant programming manager at Eurosport. "It is not attractive to a lot of our sponsors. It is still

possible that we will do it, but for now the decision has been taken not to do it."

Unless the success of its new U.S. programming convinces Eurosport to expand into the World Series, baseball will have no choice but to seek other broadcasters. Exclusive rights could be dispersed among lesser European networks and domestic broadcasting companies, ensuring that the World Series will be seen in Britain, the Netherlands, Germany, Spain and Italy. But it probably won't be available to Eastern Europe or France, which lacks an outlet for such eclectic American programming.

"The World Series is going to be on television, assured Michael Carlson, vice president of European operations for Major League Baseball International. "It may not be on a Pan-European satellite, and it may not be on live."

If other U.S.-based leagues have earned a niche in Europe, it's because they've sent teams overseas. The NFL's investment in preseason exhibitions at Wembley in London made it possible to plant World League teams in Europe. The NBA's presence at the McDonald's Open and in the Olympics last summer enabled its Dream-Teasers to rival the popularity of European soccer stars. Even the NHL — considered a weakling

among U.S. sports leagues — is mining Europe for players and exporting its teams for exhibitions. Only baseball has failed to authorize a major league exhibition in Europe.

"I think a major event in Europe would give us a huge boost and a huge amount of credibility," Carlson said. "When I started in 1990, and we started with a four-year plan for Europe, I thought it would have happened by now or this year."

A high-profile event would create a demand for baseball on television, he said.

"And from that point, I would say baseball could grow in Europe in the place of volleyball, say, within 10 years," Carlson said. "It could be as strong as basketball in some countries, and hockey in others. It would give us a huge boost and a huge amount of credibility."

Though baseball supports its European federations at the grass-roots level, only the Italians and the Dutch play the sport seriously. The names of Jose Canseco, Roger Clemens and Kirby Puckett are foreign, those of Joe Montana and Patrick Ewing are not.

Baseball became an Olympic sport last summer,

but that opportunity was wasted when the St. Louis Cardinals pulled out three weeks before a two-game exhibition in Barcelona against a team of Japanese All-Stars. The games were vetoed by the Major League Baseball Players Association.

An offer to bring two major league teams to the hallowed Lords' Cricket Ground next October, following the baseball season, was withdrawn last week after the English promoter reportedly could not work out a deal with the players association.

The last five years have seen baseball fall behind professional football as America's most popular sport, according to a comprehensive 1991 poll commissioned by the magazine Sports Illustrated. Rather than confront their problems, the major leagues' owners and players continue to attack each other, threatening every third season with a strike or a lockout.

Promoter Jon Smith, of First Artist Corp. in London, began two years ago convincing austere Lords', older than America itself, to play host to a baseball exhibition. He would not confirm details of the negotiations. Reportedly, the players' union began by asking for \$10,000 per man, plus first-class air travel for 150 people, including wives or

girlfriends. The association vetoed the Park Sheraton, a five-star hotel in London.

Lauren Rich, assistant general counsel for the players association, predicted that an exhibition will be announced for Europe within six months. The concept is complicated. The timing, the quality of the promotion and the site must all be perfect.

But what could possibly have been better for the future of baseball than the New York Yankees at Lords'?

"The day I stand up and say, 'The New York Yankees are playing the Boston Red Sox at Lords' is the day that the last bastion of the British Empire has been removed," Smith said. "In England it will be as big an event as Wimbledon."

If the major leagues are to visit Europe, it probably won't happen for 19 months, until October 1993. White Smith was struggling to make the numbers work, his head was increased by a more attractive suitor. The promoter is now working, according to a source in baseball, to bring the NBA to England next October.

## Schooler Gets Cut By Seattle

*The Associated Press*

It was a bad day at spring training for relief pitchers.

Mike Schooler, Seattle's career saves leader, was cut Tuesday, while Steve Farr, while the New York Yankees' reliever, got knocked around. And Bobby Thigpen, struggling to keep his job as the closer of the Chicago White Sox, did not impress.

Schooler, who had an \$800,000 non-guaranteed contract, was placed on unconditional release waivers by the Mariners. He will get \$131,868 as 30 days' termination pay and the chance to find a new team.

"We haven't seen the arm strength," Seattle general manager Woody Woodward said in Peoria, Arizona. "We didn't see it last year. We were hoping for good signs this spring, but we haven't seen them."

In five seasons in Seattle, from 1988 through 1992, Schooler had 98 saves, but only 20 of those saves came after he missed the final month of the 1990 season because of an ailing right shoulder. He was 1-0 this spring with a 5.40 earned-run average, and on Monday he allowed two runs and three hits in one inning during an 8-3 loss to the San Francisco Giants.

Farr, who had 30 saves for the Yankees last season, was tagged for seven runs and five hits in one-third inning during a 13-1 loss to the Minnesota Twins at Fort Myers, Florida. His ERA increased to 21.60.

"Sure, I'm concerned about it," Farr said. "I'm embarrassed my whole family out there, but I was here. They weren't here, but I was embarrassed when away."

Thigpen gave up one run and two hits over two innings in a 5-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles at St. Petersburg, Florida.

He set a major league record in 1990 with 57 saves, but slumped to 30 in 1991 and 22 last season. He is competing this spring with Roberto Hernandez to be Chicago's right-handed closer.

"I look at it as being my job to lose," Thigpen said. "I was here first."

Bo Jackson got three hits and played the outfield for the first time since 1990 as the Chicago White Sox lost to the Florida Marlins 3-2 at Sarasota, Florida.

Jackson had not played the outfield since Oct. 2, 1990, when he was with the Kansas City Royals. That was before the injury that ended his football career with the Los Angeles Raiders.

"It was boring, but it felt fine," Jackson said of his outfield stint, in which he fielded two singles.

Playing the outfield is considered Jackson's final test for the White Sox, who must decide by March 25 whether to pick up the option on his contract for \$910,000 or give him a \$150,000 buyout.

The California Angels put pitcher Tim Lincecum on unconditional release waivers. He was a brief sensation last season when, at age 30, he pitched a three-hit shutout in his second major league start.

Fortugno was cut one day after he was tagged for seven runs in the ninth inning of a 10-3 loss to the Chicago Cubs.

## IOC Moves to Admit Czechs and Slovaks

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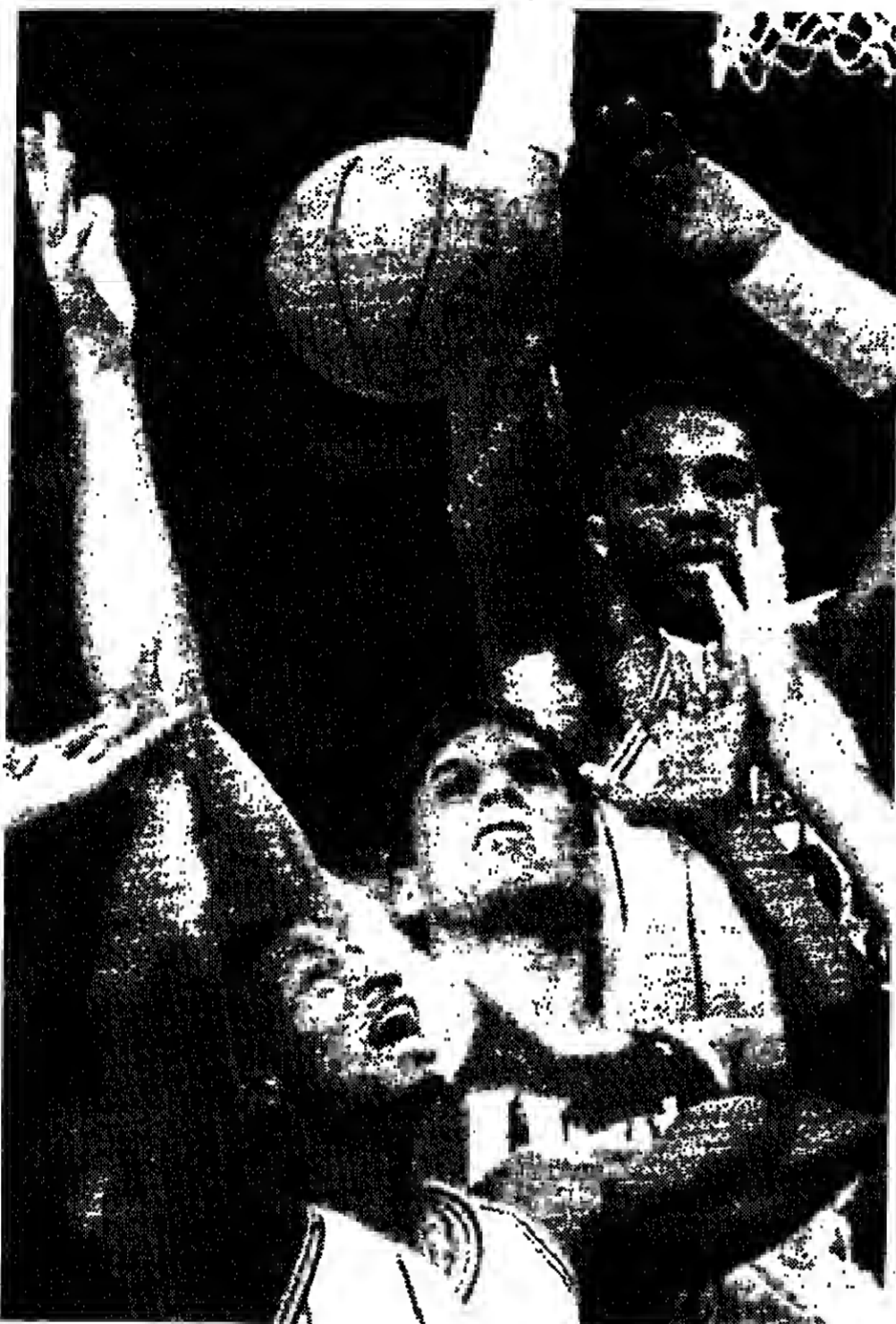
ATLANTA — The Czech and Slovak republics have been granted provisional recognition by the executive board of the International Olympic Committee.

The provisional recognition of the two national Olympic committees, which replaced the disbanded Czechoslovak national committee, will be ratified by the full IOC later this year.

The decision, which brought to 185 the total number of national committees recognized by the IOC, followed the official recognition of the republics of the former Soviet Union on Jan. 17.

The IOC has said it expects the number of national committees to reach 200 by the end of the century.

The IOC's executive board also agreed Tuesday that three standard rowing events would be replaced by



Jon Koucek got trapped in a squeeze play by the Hornets' Kendall Gill, front, and Alouzo Mourning, but the Hawks, who had a 50-35 edge in rebounds, escaped with a 122-107 victory, their sixth straight.

## Cavaliers: Complacent, Or Just a Brief Lapse?

*The Associated Press*

Gerald Wilkins isn't sure if a disturbing trend has developed, or if the Cleveland Cavaliers simply fell out of sync for a couple of nights. But he's certain of this: They'd better straighten up fast.

"If this happens on Thursday," against the New York Knicks, "it's going to be an 'L,'" Wilkins said.

**NBA HIGHLIGHTS**

Tuesday night after the Cavaliers blew most of a 25-point fourth-quarter lead before holding off the Philadelphia 76ers, 110-98, in Richfield, Ohio.

The victory was the 856th for their coach, Lenny Wilkens, tying him with Dick Motta for third place on the National Basketball Association's all-time coaching list. Only Jack Ramsay with 864 and Red Auerbach with 938 remain ahead of Wilkens.

Cleveland has won 16 of its last 20 games overall and 12 straight at home. Philadelphia lost its third straight and is 1-3 since Fred Carter replaced Doug Moe as coach.

The Cavaliers, who had squandered all of a 13-point third-quarter lead in losing to Washington on Monday night, nearly did it again.

A 21-0 run early in the third quarter helped put them ahead by as many as 29 points. The Sixers' bench, however, brought them back, and Philadelphia got as close as six points in the closing minutes.

Rockets 94, Magic 93: In Houston, a late 3-point shot by Robert Horry gave the Rockets their first lead since the game's opening basket, and Houston won a franchise-record 14th straight game by beating the struggling Orlando Magic, 94-93, at home.

The winning streak ties an earlier one by Phoenix as the longest in the NBA this season, and Houston is only the 19th team in league history to win at least 14 consecutive games. Houston's previous franchise record was 13 games in 1991.

Knicks 102, Bucks 99: Patrick Ewing kept a hot hand with 35 points on 14-for-20 shooting, and New York won its 12th consecutive

home game and seventh straight overall.

Ewing, 24 for 32 in his last two games, hit two dunks and a jumper in a 1-minute span down the stretch, giving the Knicks a 99-93 lead with 1:51 left after the Bucks cut an 11-point deficit to one in the fourth quarter.

Hawks 122, Hornets 107: Dominique Wilkins scored 38 points, and visiting Atlanta dominated on the boards, 50-35, in its sixth straight victory.

Kevin Willis had 20 points and 16 of 50 Atlanta rebounds. The Hawks outrebounded Charlotte, 26-12, on the offensive end.

## UNLV Star Rider Suspended Over Summer Course

*The Associated Press*

LAS VEGAS — UNLV didn't make it to the NCAA tournament, and now its star forward, J.R. Rider, won't make it to the NIT.

Rider's college basketball career ended Tuesday when UNLV officials suspended him after, sources said, a tutor admitted writing part of a paper that had helped him remain eligible to play at UNLV.

The suspension ended Rider's two-year stint at UNLV and left the Rummel Rebels without the nation's second leading scorer for Wednesday night's first-round NIT game against Southern Cal.

"It was a difficult decision because I know the commitment J.R. Rider made to stay at this institution instead of turning pro last year," said UNLV's athletic director, Jim Weaver.

Rider, who averaged 29.2 points a game, was the core of a UNLV team that went 21-7 but lost out on an NCAA bid after dropping five out of its last 10 games.

The suspension came after an investigation confirmed newspaper reports that Rider had not done his own work in an English correspondence course last summer.

## Akebono Watch Isn't Flagging

*The Associated Press*

TOKYO — Sumo's first foreign grand champion, Hawaii's Chud Rowan, has been making quite a stir during his debut as the sport's highest-ranked wrestler.

Rowan, 23, who won his fourth straight bout Wednesday in the 15-day Spring Grand Sumo Tournament, has made a special daily appearance in the ring for the ritual to ward off evil spirits.

Each time, he has worn a ceremonial apron bearing his wrestling name, Akebono, and a hibiscus, Hawaii's state flower. His sword-bearer has worn an apron patterned after the American flag and his other attendant a rising sun.

Another high-ranked American, Saleava Aftisaone, or Konishiki, has a football and helmet on his apron.

lightweight races, two for men and one for women, at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

A mixed doubles badminton event will be added, and fencing will include women's epee. Swimming will be increased by one event, the women's 4x200-meter freestyle relay. Discussions were continuing on changes to the gymnastics program.

There has been speculation that beach volleyball and women's soccer will be added, but the IOC said it had not yet received proposals from the Atlanta organizers.

The IOC said that oetball and korfbal had been granted IOC recognition, although this did not imply they would be added to the Olympic program.

The IOC also said it was moving to prohibit athletes at future Games from staying in luxury hotels rather than living in the Olympic village.

The U.S. basketball team, made up of millionaire NBA superstars, passed over the athletes' village in Barcelona last summer in favor of expensive hotel accommodations. So did a number of professional tennis players, track superstars and other athletes.

The IOC athletes' commission said that enough was enough.

"We think that everyone, even 'Dream Teams,' should all be in the village," said Peter Tallberg, chairman of the commission. "We don't want rich athletes living in five-star hotels outside the village. We want to strengthen the Olympic spirit."

Tallberg said the IOC executive board was in agreement. He quoted one board member as saying, "Unless we keep this under control there will be second-class athletes in the village and rock stars living in five-star hotels."

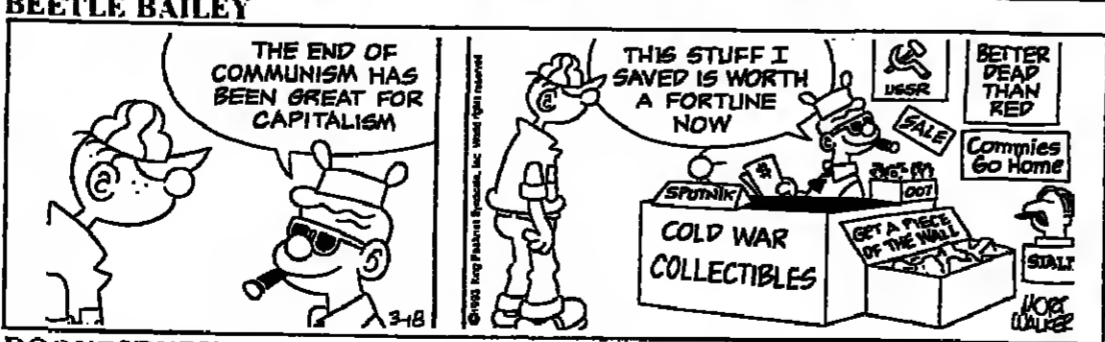
Tallberg said it was still uncertain whether the IOC would include such a requirement in the Olympic charter or impose sanctions on athletes refusing to comply. (Reuters, AP)

### DENNIS THE MENACE



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# SPORTS SOCCER

## Speedy Ghana, Brazil Advance To Youth Final

**SYDNEY** — Ghana ripped apart England's sluggish defense Wednesday night, storming to a 2-1 victory in the semifinals of soccer's World Youth Championship.

Two-time champion Brazil scored twice in the final 12 minutes for a convincing 2-0 victory over Australia in the first semifinal, played in Melbourne.

The Ghana-England match was marred by ugly scenes at the end as English fans attempted to get on to the field and grappled with police. Some threw objects from the stands and several fights broke out between fans and the stadium's security staff minutes after the match ended. Hundreds of English fans behind one goal refused to leave the stadium.

Striker Augustine Ahinful put Ghana, the African champion, ahead with a 12th minute penalty shot and Mohammed Gargo made it 2-0 with a spectacular drive in the 23d minute.

England responded with a 48th minute penalty kick by Jamie Pollock but was unable to conjure up an equalizer despite finishing strongly.

The Ghanaians, who won the world under-17 title with many of the same players two years ago, bamboozled England with their speed.

"Congratulations to Ghana," said England's coach, David Burrows. "They showed us in the first half when a modern side they are."

Ahinful earned the opening penalty when his dash into the penalty area forced defender Ian Pearce to bring him down.

Ahinful took the penalty kick himself and sent goalkeeper Dave Watson the wrong way.

Nii Lamptey set up Gargo's goal, tapping a free kick sideways for the Torino defender to blast it low and hard into the net from 25 meters out.

Ahinful proved a constant handful for the defense, while the Belgian-based Lamptey darted in and out of the action and led most of the Ghanaian attacks.

England played Julian Joachim as a lone striker and appeared to badly miss Nicky Simby and Andy Myers — both of whom are injured — until Pollock's reply.

It came just three minutes into the second half after fullback Emmanuel Asare was judged to have tripped Chris Bart-Williams. Pollock rammed the penalty into the top corner of the net.

Bart-Williams was unlucky in the 76th minute when his acrobatic bicycle kick cannoned off the crossbar.

Ghana's coach, Fred Osei Duodu, said "we expected" the English to rally.

"There was no change of strategy in the second half," he said. "The boys got tired."

Midfielder Marcelino opened the scoring in the Brazil-Australia match in the 78th minute, collecting the ball after playing a give-and-go with Adriano and then slotting it past goalkeeper Vince Mattass.



Brazil's Jaitrez leaped over Australia's Kevin Muscat to head the ball into the box.

Right-winger Cate scored an insurance goal in the 89th minute, running at the defense and then firing the ball home low and hard.

The first half saw a midfield stalemate, with both teams reluctant to take risks. But Brazil dominated the match for long periods and Australia rarely was able to threaten the far goal. The Brazilians were quicker and slicker and ultimately finished better.

They rarely were given room to maneuver by

the Australian defense, but created many more scoring chances than their opponents.

They had 14 shots on goal to Australia's six. Brazil won the title in 1983 and 1985 and was runner-up to Portugal two years ago. The Australians also lost in the semifinals two years ago.

The match was watched by a sellout crowd of 22,100, while the Ghana-England match also sold out, with 21,069 attending.

Saturday night's final in Sydney was already a sellout, officials said.

## Milan and IFK Gothenburg Set Up Showdown in Champions' League

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

A goal by midfielder Stefano Eranio moved AC Milan a step closer to the Champions' League soccer tournament final Wednesday night, with a 1-0 victory over Porto in their second-leg Group B match of the semifinal round at San Siro stadium in Milan.

Its fourth victory in as many matches gave the Italian powerhouse eight points in the Group B standings, and kept it two ahead of IFK Gothenburg.

The Portuguese team, with its third defeat in four matches, was virtually eliminated. It had lost to Milan by the same score the first-leg match two weeks ago.

Eranio scored in the 31st minute with a powerful shot from 12 meters, on an assist by teammate Marco Simoes that exploited one of the few scoring chances conceded by the Portuguese team.

Porto mounted only a few attacks only after Milan's goal and Romanian midfielder Ion Timotei spoiled the visitors' best chance in the 40th minute, kicking the ball into the hands of goalkeeper Sebastiao Ross.

Milan, which had to play without the injured Dutch trio of Marco Van Basten, Rued Gullit and Frank Rijkaard, tried to control the ball after it scored. Ailing Dejan Savicovic of Montenegro played only in the last 15 minutes.

IFK Gothenburg, 3 PSV Eindhoven & The Swedish outsiders won easily in Stockholm to set up a decisive clash with favored AC Milan for a place in the final.

Gothenburg, which posted a 3-1 victory in the Netherlands two weeks ago, increased its goal difference advantage over Milan, which it will play next month.

Gothenburg was given the perfect start when midfielder Mikael Nilsson struck just two minutes into the match for his second goal against PSV in the series.

The Swedes kept PSV in check throughout the rest of the first half before speedy forward Johnny Ekstrom — who scored twice against PSV in the Netherlands — produced a goal on the stroke of halftime.

Mikael Mariniussen wrapped up the victory when, three minutes into the second half, his diving header found the back of the net.

Olympique Marseille 6, CSKA Moscow 0; Franck Sauzee scored

three times as Olympique Marseille, at home, won its Group A match of the Champions' League.

That kept Marseille atop the division with a record of two victories and two draws for six points. Glasgow Rangers also has six points, but Marseille has a nine-goal differential to Glasgow's plus-two.

Marseille host Glasgow in two weeks.

CSKA, which tied Marseille two weeks ago in Berlin, has a draw and three losses.

Sauzee started the scoring on a penalty shot in the fifth minute after Jocelyn Angloma was fouled.

In the 34th minute, Sauzee scored again from the right side to finish off a collective piece of teamwork. Nearly every member of the Marseille team either touched the ball or contributed to the action as the ball went back-and-forth until Sauzee made it 2-0.

Abedi Pelt, the striker from Ghana, made it 3-0 with a brilliant individual effort in the 43d minute. He raced down the right side and through two defenders before shooting from about 15 meters.

At halftime, Marseille had about 10 relatively clear shots on

goal while Marseille goalkeeper Fabien Barthez had been tested just once.

Sauzee struck again with a 25-meter bullet in the 50th minute. Jean-Marc Ferreri added the count to 5-0 with a header from the corner in the 70th minute, and late in the match substitute Marcel Desailly chipped in a ball that had bounced off a Moscow defender.

Rangers 2, FC Bruges 1: A freak goal by fullback Scott Nisbett gained his 10-man team a victory in Glasgow in the other Group A match.

Bruges' goalkeeper, Dany Verlinden, twice stopped Ally McCoist in the space of a few seconds early in the match before the Belgian team took the action the other way.

Gert Verheyen, off a pass from Franky Van de Elst, had a good opening but shot weakly at goal. And then Verheyen got another chance, following a slick play by defender Richard Gough, only to have Rangers goalkeeper Andy Goram push the ball round the post with his fingertips.

Bruges continued to threaten on the break, but it was Rangers who went ahead five minutes before

halftime. English midfielder Trevor Steven threaded a pass through to Ian Durrant, who fired home a shot from 14 meters in the 40th minute.

Two minutes later, however, Rangers lost English striker Mark Hateley, who was sent off by referee Ryszard Wojcik of Poland for pushing Rudy Cossey in the face in retaliation for a challenging play.

Hateley will have to sit out the next two Cup matches against Olympique Marseille and CSKA Moscow.

Facing 10 players, Bruges tied six minutes after the break when Stephan van der Heyden and Verheyen set up a shot for Staeleins, who chipped the ball over Goram.

McCoist had a header, off a Steven corner, cleared and then Nigerian Daniel Amokachi raced clear for the visitors, only to have his shot deflected wide.

Twenty minutes from the end, though, Rangers regained its lead through when fullback Nisbett sent over a cross from the right. Goalkeeper Verlinden appeared to misjudge the flight of the ball as it was deflected over his head and into the net.

(AP, Reuters)

## Parma and Antwerp Advance To Cup Winners' Cup Semis

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Flashy Colombian forward Faustino Asprilla stormed the Sparta Prague defense Wednesday, setting up one goal and scoring the other, as Parma beat the visiting Czech team, 3-0, and became the first to gain the semifinals of the Cup Winners' Cup tournament.

The Italian team's victory followed a goalless draw in the first-leg match two weeks ago.

The 23-year-old Asprilla, well supported by Swedish teammate Tomas Brodin and Mell, had an outstanding performance and threatened to score a Czech defense each time he received the ball.

Melli scored Parma's opener in the 10th minute, with a shot into an open net from one meter after the ball was lost by goalkeeper Petr Kouba following a powerful shot by Asprilla.

Asprilla, in his first season in the Italian League and the European tournaments, made it 2-0 in the 33d minute with a perfect diagonal shot.

Sparta, which had been off to a good start, played 53 minutes with only 10 players following the expulsion of defender Michal Hornak and was forced into defense throughout the second half.

Hornak, cautioned twice for fouling Asprilla, was sent off by Dutch referee John Blankenstein in the 37th minute.

The referee also cautioned Parma's defender Luigi Apolloni and Sparta's Jiri Nemec for rough play.

After scoring two first-half goals and securing its advance to the semifinals, Parma controlled the ball and the match without pressing too hard for a third goal.

Sparta had its only scoring chance in the 90th minute, on a free kick by Petr Vranek. Parma's goalkeeper, Marco Ballotta, dived and slapped the ball past the post.

Parma, currently eighth in the Italian league standings, plays runaway leader AC Milan in Sunday's round.

"We played a perfect first half, and Asprilla made great things happen," said Parma's coach, Nevio Scala. "We are now looking forward to the Cup final in Paris."

Stevan Buchacera 1, Royal Antwerp 1: Forward, Alex Czernyanski scored the tying goal with a header eight minutes before the end of the match in Bucharest to put Royal Antwerp in the semifinals of the Cup Winners' Cup.

The teams played a scoreless two weeks ago in Antwerp and Belgium's oldest club reached the semifinals of a European club competition for the first time on the away goals rule.

Midfielder Ilic Dumirescu had scored for the home team in the 19th minute, beating goalkeeper Stevan Stojanovic by finishing off a free kick from 35 meters.

But Czernyanski tied the match to the dismay of about 30,000 fans at Steaua's Ghencea stadium.

Antwerp played an aggressive and physical match, receiving four yellow cards and one red to Steaua's one red and one yellow.

Stevan's lone Fulga and Antwerp's Rudy Tayemans were sent off in the second half by Scottish referee Leslie William Mottram. Fulga got dangerous play and Tayemans for two bookings.

Spartak-Feyenoord Postponed: The Cup Winners' Cup second-leg quarterfinal match at Luzhnik stadium in central Moscow was postponed because of a waterlogged field.

Spartak's director, Nikolai Starostin, said the match would be played Thursday at Moscow's Torpedo stadium.

Spartak won the first leg, 1-0, in Rotterdam. But if the match is not played within the next two days, Spartak would automatically forfeit.

Soldiers managed to clear tons of ice and snow from the Luzhnik stadium field earlier in the week but a sudden thaw sent moisture levels soaring and made the ground too soft.

The RJA news agency said Tuesday that stadium officials had asked the defense ministry if they could borrow two military helicopters to help dry out the field.

(AP, Reuters)

### SCOREBOARD

#### BASKETBALL

##### NBA Standings

Conference	Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Eastern Conference	New York	43	18	.706	
	New Jersey	39	24	.619	7 1/2
	Boston	34	29	.541	12 1/2
	Orioles	29	34	.462	17 1/2
	Atlanta	27	36	.432	19 1/2
	Philadelphia	26	37	.415	20 1/2
	Washington	22	41	.344	24 1/2
	Charlotte	13	50	.210	33 1/2
Western Conference	Los Angeles	42	19	.688	
	Portland	38	23	.621	4 1/2
	San Antonio	35	26	.571	7 1/2
	Utah	31	30	.500	11 1/2
	Denver	25	36	.410	17 1/2
	Minnesota	25	37	.403	18 1/2
	Dallas	23	39	.366	20 1/2
	Phoenix	14	48	.292	29 1/2

#### HOCKEY

##### NHL Standings

Conference	Team	W	L	T	Pts	GB
Wales Conference	Pittsburgh	37	18	7	81	
	Washington	34	27	7	75	7 1/2
	NY Rangers	31	27	11	73	10 1/2
	New Jersey	28	28	14	70	13 1/2
	NY Islanders	23	30	17	63	18 1/2
	Philadelphia	26	31	14	66	15 1/2
	St. Louis	22	31	17	61	20 1/2
	Ottawa	9	57	4	22	57 1/2
Patrick Division	W	L	T	Pts	GB	
	Chicago	39	22	10	82	
	Detroit	37	27	9	83	2 1/2
	Toronto	34	28	9	77	7 1/2
	Montreal	33	29	7	74	10 1/2
	St. Louis	30	30	9	74	10 1/2
	Tampa Bay	21	34	5	47	35 1/2
	Florida	13	42	3	29	53 1/2

#### TRANSACTIONS

##### BASEBALL

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#### SIDELINES

##### Pro Bowler Holt Accepts Falcon Deal

SUWANEE, Georgia (AP) — Pro Bowl defensive end Pierce Holt of the San Francisco 49ers signed an offer sheet Wednesday with the Atlanta Falcons that guarantees him \$7.5 million for three years.

#### RECORD TIME SET IN IDITAROD RACE

NOME, Alaska (AP) — Jeff King and his 11-dog team won the 1,160-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in record time early Wednesday, turning what had been a three-way sprint into a solo cruise.

#### FOR THE RECORD

South Africa will make its first cricket tour of Australia in 30 years for three Test matches next January and February in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide, the Australian Cricket Board said Wednesday.

#### RECORD TIME SET IN IDITAROD RACE

Dee DeJonroe, another Alaskan, finished second, about 30 minutes later. King earned \$50,000 and a new pickup truck; Jonroe, 38, got \$43,000.

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ART BUCHWALD

Blue Plate Special

WASHINGTON — The most important problem Washington faces right now is whether members of the Clinton administration can accept seven-course dinners from the Washington press corps.

During the next month or so, the elite White House Correspondents Association, the noble Radio and TV Correspondents Organization and the exalted Gridiron Club will entertain the officials that their members write and talk about every day.

Which big shot a media organization snags for its table carries far more meaning to the news folks than any story they could dig up on that person. In fact, if a bureau chief is unable to produce an awe-inspiring guest list to impress his bosses, he or she could easily be looking for another job.

The fly in all this omelette is that the Clinton White House has ruled that federal officials can no longer accept more than \$20 a year in food and drink from a private individual, or \$50 from an organization.

While this may seem like a lot to the guy in Des Moines it still doesn't cover the cost of a white bowl in Washington.

Apparently, this year the Clintons have given a waiver to the press on how much they can spend on their turple soup, but it will be for only one time, and that's why every newspaper in this town is running scared.

A group of us were sitting around the National Press Club hearing the restrictive regulations.

Martha Reese said, "How are we going to get any information out of our sources if we don't feed them?" Everett Case replied, "There is this fat guy who works over at State and he has been leaking to me like a sieve, but he says that it isn't worth it if there's only a Big Mac in it for him."

"If you really want to know," Ted Osborne declared, "it's Hillary. If she had her way we wouldn't be able to entertain any of the health nuts who work for Clinton. A reporter overheard a conversation between her and a press secretary. The secretary said, 'Madam, the Clinton people are starving. Hillary replied, 'Let them eat Kentucky Fried Chicken — the one that comes in the small bucket and only costs \$8.95.'"

A member of the Gridiron was in despair: "I have written six songs and seven stanzas for the Gridiron show. I just heard that the secretary of defense has canceled out of our table because the Wall Street Journal used him up in a Dunkin' Donuts joint in Pentagon City."

I said, "I think that I've solved the problem. There is a Pakistani restaurant on K Street where you get all you can eat for \$5.75. I have a call in to Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen. I have a bunch that he might be interested in joining me there instead of going to the Gridiron because the way he wouldn't use up his entire allotment in one meal."

The big question that arose was, could Washington news people do their jobs if they were unable to invite their sources to important affairs such as the major three media dinners?

The consensus was that they couldn't. It was strictly a question of feeding the hand that bites them. Max Ramirez de Arellano joined in the conversation and said, "Good fellowship is the source of good news, and if you don't break bread and laugh it up with those who are running the government, then you shouldn't be in the news business at all."

"The Clinton people are wrong when they put a \$20 limit on food and drink. It's O.K. for the few Clinton types who don't care, but what about the rest who love nothing more than to eat, drink and be merry with the press?"

In Literature, the Widening Caribbean

By Mark Kurlansky

PARIS — This time the Caribbean hero who was cheered at the small island airport and led into the little capital town where a square was renamed after him had not bowled against England for the West Indies cricket team and had not recorded a single hit album. He was a poet who a year ago could walk around his native island and seldom be recognized by any of the 145,000 other Saint Lucians.

In winning the 1992 Nobel Prize, Derek Walcott has also earned Caribbean people something they long have wanted — international recognition not only as athletes and musicians but also as a literary people. For decades a wealth of novels, poetry and drama has come out of the region, only occasionally gaining the attention of the outside world. Suddenly, Caribbean writers are not only widely praised but also are becoming almost trendy in the literary world.

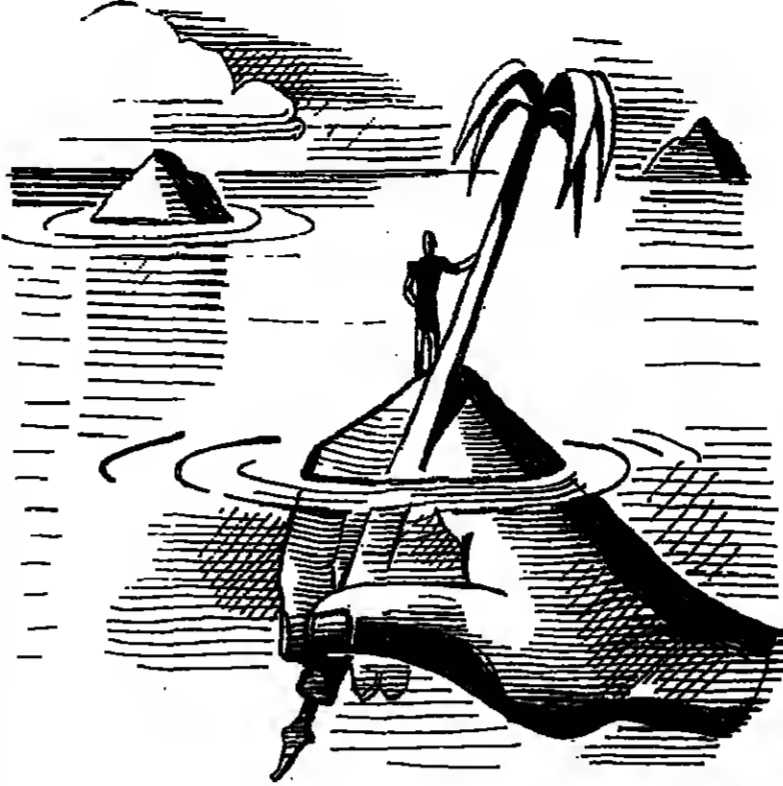
Walcott is representative of a different generation of Caribbean writer. Educated in the British colonial school system, Walcott writes "British" poetry on Caribbean themes. The new wave of Caribbean writers has a harsher vision and a tougher language. As emigration increasingly drives families and threatens the survival of Caribbean nations' distinct cultures, both literature and politics a new sense of nationality is emerging.

The people of the Caribbean are becoming a diaspora people, and Flatbush in Brooklyn, Brixton in South London and Paris's 19th arrondissement have become recognized as a part of the wider Caribbean. In his Nobel lecture, Walcott called Caribbean culture "the gathering of broken pieces."

Maryse Condé, a Guadeloupean educated in France and now teaching Caribbean literature in California, put the central dilemma succinctly in her novel "Tree of Life": "You think they're going to stop studying medicine, studying law, studying pharmacy, to put blisters on their hands, swinging the cutlery?" one character asks. This is the conundrum facing today's Caribbean islanders: Should they pursue their futures as foreigners or stubbornly remain in a land they love that does not offer them work?

The new breed of Caribbean writers was nurtured in the independence movement rather than colonial days and taught in an education system steeped in British colonialism. And often the writers have fused this with the language of cold northern cities.

Kevin Christopher James was born, reared and educated in Trinidad and gradu-



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ated from the University of the West Indies, a school built during the independence movement. He left his position as a science teacher and moved to New York, where he did graduate work at Columbia while working as a laboratory technician at Hartman Hospital.

In 1992 his first collection of short stories, titled "Jumping Ship and Other Stories," was published. He has the fast-flowing, rich narrative style of a West Indian storyteller. The opening group of stories, much like traditional Caribbean writing, reminisces about childhood in Trinidad. In the second part, things get rougher in stories about illegal immigration. The third part focuses on a new Caribbean world of drugs, gangs, rapes, shootings and prisons in urban America. The author's powerful and imaginative use of the lyrical slang of the West Indies hardens during the course of the book to a tough and hip New York-Caribbean dialect.

Caryl Phillips was brought to England from Saint Kitts in 1958 at the age of 12 weeks and in his early youth did not even know which island was his birthplace. In two novels and a nonfiction book called "The European Tribe," he has tried to

define his peculiar situation as both a Caribbean islander and an Englishman — the colonized and the colonizer in one, defined one way by passport and another by skin color.

Published in Britain and the United States in 1992, his third novel, "Cambridge," is written in the form of the travel journals to the West Indies that were regularly published in the 19th century. The novel retells the same incident on an early 19th-century sugar plantation through three journals — that of the daughter of the owner who is visiting from England, an extraordinary slave with a luckless story to which no one ever listens and a local report.

The new fiction has moved far from the traditional autobiographical coming-of-age novels that have long typified Caribbean literature. There seems to be a harder edge to the new novels.

Cecil Foster's first novel, "No Man in the House," is autobiographical but with an astute political edge to it. Foster, a native of Barbados who is now a journalist in Toronto, describes growing up on a tiny island in a rural community. When Foster was a child, much like the lead character in his novel, his parents left him to go to

England where they could earn a living. He was raised by his grandmother. His book is a tribute to the strength of Caribbean women who, without men, have held the society together. But the novel has another dimension. It takes place in 1964 at the moment of Barbadian independence, which is treated as a crystallizing instant when both idealism and cynicism rushed in to form the new nation.

In Foster's Barbados, poor people, given a voice for the first time, are learning to keep their beliefs to themselves and cheer for the man who promises a job. The narrator is a 10-year-old boy who learns that he has a nation now and that his future, unlike his parents, is not in immigration. The irony stands that the author is writing this novel from Canada.

France's image of picturesque poverty in Martinique, popularized in Joseph Zobel's nostalgic "La Rue Cases-Nègres" ("Sugar Cane Alley"), was updated by Patrick Chamoiseau's new novel about a Martinique slum named Texaco after the abandoned oil facility on which it was built. When "Texaco" won the 1992 Prix Goncourt, France's prestigious literary prize, the French press was ready with a picture of the happy author frolicking in surf.

Westerners tend to see Caribbean people this way, but it is far from the reality of writers like Chamoiseau. With acidic, contemporary language he takes an ironic view of Fort-de-France's poor faced with an indifferent bureaucracy that eases its conscience by leveling unsightly slums and forcing the residents into minimum housing projects. Chamoiseau calls it the "destructive angel of the modernist town hall."

Also in 1992, an American translation of Condé's "Tree of Life" was published. The novel was a French best-seller when it came out in Paris in 1988. The novel is the story of a Guadeloupean family in a Caribbean world that extends from the French island to Panama, San Francisco, New York, Paris, London and Jamaica. "Tree of Life" is about the struggles of being part of a Caribbean society — the struggle of color, place, history, self-esteem.

Almost a century of family tree leads to the narrator, a woman of mixed color, mixed identity, as much French as Caribbean. She is contemptuous of the folksy island characters who were the charm of earlier Caribbean fiction. But she also knows that Guadeloupe is an endangered entity and that the emerging cultural resistance, the fight to preserve Guadeloupe's own language, music and tradition is also the search for herself.

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PEOPLE

What Price Defense? Dewi Sukarno Files Suit

Dewi Sukarno, former first lady of Indonesia, is suing the New York lawyer she hired to defend her in a 1992 face-slashing incident. She says his fee — \$900,000 — was too high. Maybe because she ended up spending 34 days in a Colorado county jail after a plea bargain? The suit, filed against Barry Slotnick, says he did not charge "reasonable and customary legal fees." Sukarno was accused of slashing the face of the socialist Victoria Ocasio at a dinner party in Aspen. If the case had gone to trial and Sukarno had been convicted, she could have faced a jail sentence of five to 16 years.

Eckart Witzigmann, the Austrian-born chef whose Munich restaurant has been awarded three stars in the Michelin Guide, received a suspended two-year jail term Wednesday for cocaine use. Witzigmann, who runs the Aubergine in Munich, was found guilty of having bought a total of 220 grams (7 ounces) of the drug on two occasions in 1990 and 1992.

The actor James Stewart, 84, has been discharged from a hospital after four days of treatment for an irregular heartbeat.

As a brash young comedian rising to stardom in the 1980s, Eddie Murphy gained notoriety for his raw humor and playboy exploits. Now, at age 31, the Hollywood bad boy who declared in a 1987 concert film, "Raw," that the only woman he would trust would be one he found sitting "buck naked on a zebra in Africa" is kissing his bachelorhood good-bye. He and the model Nicole Mitchell, who have had two children together, are heading for a wedding this week at a posh New York hotel.

Luciano Pavarotti has canceled out of his performance of "Pagliacci" at La Scala in Milan because of pains in his right knee that his surgeons say may require surgery. The tenor was scheduled to sing on April 1.

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Savoy Will Reopen in July The Associated Press LONDON — The Savoy Theatre in the Savoy Hotel will reopen in July, more than three years after it was damaged by fire. The Art Deco theater, once the home of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, is to reopen with a weeklong engagement of the English National Ballet.

WEATHER

Weather forecast section including maps for Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, Middle East, and Latin America, with temperature and precipitation data.

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle section with clues for Across and Down, and a solution to the puzzle of March 17.

BOOKS

ASSEMBLING CALIFORNIA By John McPhee. 304 pages. \$21. Farrar Straus Giroux. Reviewed by T. H. Watkins

stant motion ("lithospheric drift-wood," McPhee calls them). The continents are those portions of the plates that appear on the surface, our passenger seats, if you will, on the great tectonic journey.

one of the world's leading tectonicists and, like many of the geologists with whom McPhee has consorted, a person of large mind and uncommon talents in directions other than geology — in Morres's case, music. He makes an imaginative and articulate guide as McPhee takes a look at California as the definitive expression of plate tectonics.

California Gold Rush, on the other hand, allows him to segue into a description of the Searsville Block, the great chunk of former ocean crust that slammed into the Sierra Nevada batholith and produced most of the gold-filled cracks and crannies that came to be called the Mother Lode.

The writing in "Assembling California" is as in the rest of the tetralogy, it is not always quite so straightforward. McPhee's journey through the earth's dynamics has been complex, unpredictable, discursive and sometimes idiosyncratic to the point of eccentricity. But it has been a hell of a ride, and I, for one, am sorry to see it end.

T. H. Watkins, the editor of Wilderness magazine, wrote this for The Washington Post.

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